Juppé Vows

In France's

New Prime Minister

Rattles Markets With

His Economic Proposals

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Pledging to get France moving under its new conservative rulers, Prime Minister Alain Juppe told Parlia-ment on Tuesday that his government had

declared war on memployment and in-tended to make quick headway in easing France's joblessness, running above 12 percent, one of the highest rates in Europe.

His speech rattled the French markets.

The franc lost nearly two centimes against the mark, recovering to trade at 3.5505. The bond market also fell and the Paris

bourse CAC-40 index lost 0.72 percent to

In his inaugural speech before Parlia-ment, Mr. Juppe outlined a package of

measures to spur growth matched with benefits for the jobless and the working poor, including financial incentives for employers to create jobs, an immediate jump in the minimum wage and more low-

The package left unanswered questions about its possible inflationary impact and

how the government planned to finance

the measures. Mr. Juppe has floated the idea of temporarily raising the value-added tax on consumer goods from 18.6 per-

As an immediate step, Mr. Juppé said

that "the minimum wage will be increased

by a significant percentage from July 1,

an increase that he indicated could amount

to 5 percent more than the current legal minimum of 6,000 francs.

The previous conservative government

of France sought to lower the minimum

wage selectively to eliminate what it said was a barrier to hiring untrained young

people. The idea met so much resistance

In contrast, Mr. Juppe said Tuesday that workers had been made to feel guilty

about wage and manning levels, as if a

wage freeze were the only serious econom-

ic policy" - a reference to the austerity ued by recent Fre

President Jacques Chirac campaigned

on the theme that unemployment had be-

come the key problem sapping France's

economy and self-confidence and the idea

that the problem could be eased by boost-

should put more of their increased earn-

ings into wages and that jobless benefits

should be funneled into subsidized jobs -

ideas embodied in Mr. Juppé's speech on

He has argued that French companies

cent to 20 percent.

that it was dropped.

ing consumer spending.

ments.

Lowest Wage

A Quick Rise

Court Blocks Prosecution Of Cold War Spies in East

As Investors Grow Wary, Germans Run **Out of Steam**

By Brandon Mitchener International Herold Tribune

FRANKFURT - With its strong currency, rising exports and a spending boom in the newly annexed east, Germany has relished its role for the past year as the locomotive of Europe's economic recovery.

But now, Germany's own recovery appears to be slipping, buffeted by fickle currency markets and held back by wary consumers just as it seemed to be gathering momentum.

Increasingly, investors are deciding that Germany is too expensive a place to do business. Unemployment has again begun edging upward, and worry is spreading that the country, distracted by good times, has failed to knuckle down and undertake structural reforms.

The economic recovery that began last year may still be under way, but there is now no clear consensus how fast the upswing is proceeding or how long it will last. The situation is exacerbated by what Otmar Issing, a mem-ber or the Bundesbank's directorate, called "statistical chaos."

What disturbs economists more than this temporary confusion, however, is that Germany is making little progress on domestic structural changes that it needs to reduce unemployment and remain competitive, over the long term.

"We're not doing everything right," said Mr. Issing the central benk's chief economist. The limiting factor

"Last year, if second that wage ne-gotistors had returned to reason, but this year's raises, which don't do anything to help job creation, together with the currency situation, will eventhally with on German business," he

Recent statistics, increasingly complicated by the integration of the former West German and East German economies, tell a tale of economic re-

• The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development this week cut its 1996 economic forecast for Germany's gross domestic product to 2.7 percent, from 3.5 percent.

The European Commission recent-See FALTER, Page 9

Conservatives In West Protest Amnesty Move

By Rick Atkinson

BERLIN - In a landmark decision Germany's Constitutional Court ruled Tuesday that former East German spymasters cannot be prosecuted for conduct-

masters cannot be prosecuted for conducting Cold War espionage against the West. The 5-to-3 ruling effectively grants a blanket amnesty to men like Markus Wolf, the legendary chief of East Germany's foreign intelligence service who had been sentenced to six years in prison for treason against Germany.

Dozens and possibly hundreds of other former East Germans will no longer face to the prosecution or will have guilty yerdicts.

prosecution or will have guilty verdicts voided by the ruling, political and legal observers predicted. The decision provoked angry protests from conservative West Germans unwilling to let Cold War bygones be bygones, as well as from for-mer East German dissidents convinced that the Communists who once ran a po-

that the Communists who once ran a po-lice state are cluding justice.

The victims are being insulted and the criminals amnestied," Stephan Hilsberg, a one-time dissident who is now a member of Parliament, said in a statement. The results of the 1989 pro-democracy "revolution are being betrayed."

The issue of whether citizens of a sover-

eign East Germany can legitimately be convicted of betraying another country—

*West Germany—has been one of the most
divisive legal squabbles since German unification in 1990.

In ruling that East German spy chiefs were fairly operating under the laws of their nation at the time, the German court drew a distinction between senior intelligence officials based in East Germany and their cloak-and-dagger minions operating clandestinely in the West.

"Citizens of the former East Germany, who before retentions of Germany.

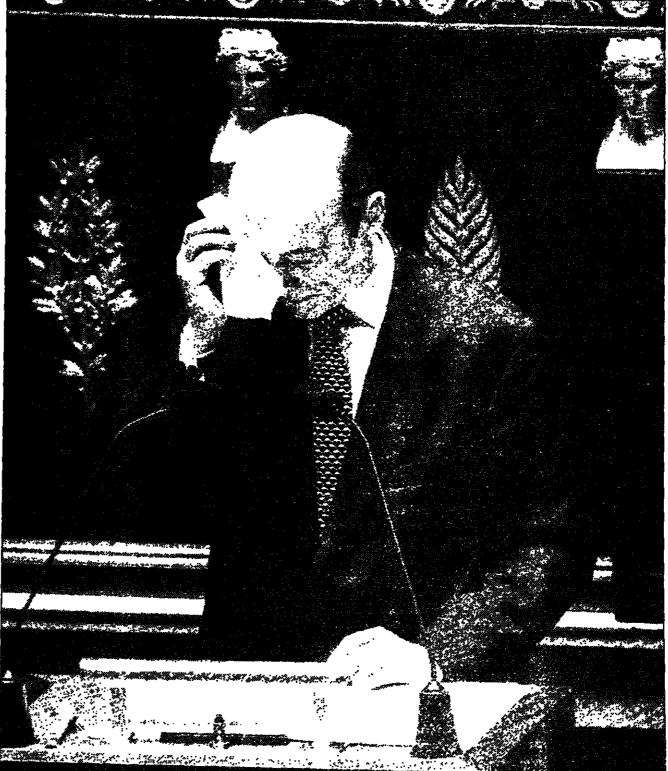
who before restoration of German unity spied for the secret services of their state exclusively from the territory of East Gerstany against West Germany, may no because of their espionage," the court decreed in the 81-page ruling.

But the justices also urged mercy for "Special mitigating circumstances, includ-ing possible cessation of proceedings against them, should be considered when determining legal consequences for those East German citizens who did this on West German territory," the court said.

West Germans who committed treason by spying for the East remain culpable, as are East Germans who committed other crimes, such as murder or extortion, in the course of their espionage activities, the court added.

The decision focused specifically on the case of Mr. Wolf's successor as East German spy chief, Werner Grossmann, and four of his underlings. But the ramifications appear to touch virtually all aspects of the once-vast East German spy appara-

A spokeswoman for the Berlin Justice See SPIES, Page 9



Alain Juppé wiping his brow Tuesday during his inaugural address to Parliament, in which he outlined an economic plan.

Whiff of Old Soviet Ways in the Kremlin

Russia's New Elite Pursues Perks in Eerily Familiar Fashion

By Alessandra Stanley New York Times Service

MOSCOW - When Leonid I. Brezhnev was alive and ailing, the Soviet leader entrusted his health and astrological fate to a well-known psychic healer. In the increasingly superstitious Kremlin of President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia, that role is filled by a high-ranking officer of the widely feared presidential security service, who is said to monitor the health and horo-

scopes of the president. There are increasing signs here of a return to Soviet-style governance, and most have to do with fear and favor. Presidential advisers in the Kremlin conduct sensitive conversations on scraps of paper. least as secretive and corrupt as any predewhich they quickly burn, tearful that their offices are bugged. But the perks and privileges, the apartments, cars, dachas and special services that once sustained the Soviet elite are back, too.

Even in these days of fiscal constraint and budget cutbacks, members of the new nomenklatura - many of whom moved there seamlessly from the old Communist Party elite - are not just reclaiming their old privileges, they are creating new ones.

Mr. Yeltsin, who began his climb to power railing against the privileges and intrigues of Mikhail S. Gorbachev's Kremlin, now presides over a power structure at

cessor in the post-Stalinist era.

The fear that Russia is reverting to its totalitarian roots is stronger than ever.

"The regime did not succeed in getting rid of Soviet habits and the Soviet way of life," said Sergei Parkhomenko, an investigative reporter for the newspaper Segodnya. They did try, two and three years ago
there was an effort to rip it all up by the roots. But it didn't work, and those roots

only went deeper. Mr. Parkhomenko can testify that fear is back. He wrote a two-part series entitled "Merlin's Tower" about the new power

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"My plan is contained in a single word: jobs," Mr. Juppé said, describing his gov-

ernment as the first to give top priority to the problem. On Monday, Mr. Chirac appeared unannounced at a meeting of regional officials to tell them that their performance would be judged by their ability

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AGENDA

Yeltsin Vetoes Election Legislation

MOSCOW (WP) — President Boris N. Yeltsin vetoed election legislation Tuesday that is needed for Russian parliamentary elections to take place as planned next December, a move that some here suggested might force a delay in the nationwide vote.

Aides to Mr. Yeltsin said the president had vetoed the law because it would have given too much representation to candidates elected on national party slates and not enough to those selected in local

The law, overwhelmingly approved by the lower house of Parliament, or Duma, earlier this month, would have had half of the Duma's 450 seats elected through the national party slates and half elected in local constituencies.

This was the system used in December 1993, when Russia held its first post-Soviet elections.

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In 'Rationalizing Work Force,' Cuba Reneges on Jobs for All

China Warns of 'Severe Damage' To Ties if U.S. Allows Taiwan Visit

By Patrick E. Tyler New York Times Service

BEIJING - China summoned Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy on Tuesday and demanded that the United States reverse its decision to allow President Lee Tenghui of Taiwan to visit the United States next month.

A Western diplomat here said that Mr. Roy sought to allay Chinese concerns about the visit by telling Foreign Minister Qian Qichen that the Taiwan leader's stay would be clearly billed as a private, unofficial visit to a class reunion at Cornell University.

Mr. Roy was said to have made clear that the decision to allow the visit was

No Taiwan leader has visited the United States since Washington and Beijing established diplomatic relations in 1979. Their matic status and urged Taiwan and mainland China to begin negotiating eventual reunification.

agreement downgraded Taiwan's diplo-

After a tense morning meeting between Mr. Roy and the foreign minister, the Chinese issued a long denunciation of Mr.

Visit from Taiwan gives slide in U.S.-China relations a push. Page 4.

Clinton's decision, which reverses the finding of a policy review last summer that upheld State Department policy not to allow even private visits by Taiwan presi-

"If the United States clings to its erroneous decision on the basis of miscalculation of the situation, it will inevitably cause severe damage to Sino-U.S. relations," a

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By Douglas Farah Washington Post Service HAVANA - For decades, Gerardo worked as a

skilled mechanic and driver, repairing trucks and driving produce around Cuba. These days, he offers to guard people's cars in a shady spot by his house for a few pennies a day.

"I know how to do things, things that I love," he said, looking at his hefty hands. "I just have no work anymore, I do the best I can, but I am wasting my mind. That is what bothers me most."

In coming months, there will be thousands more like Gerardo, who was laid off recently from a state company. Cuba, undergoing painful economic change since the 1989 collapse of the Soviet bloc and the

accompanying loss of its subsidies, is embarking on one of the most difficult adjustments since the revolution triumphed in 1959: It is backing off the cherished guarantee of full employment.

For state enterprises to become efficient, according to senior Cuban officials, 600,000 to 800,000 people out of a total work force of 3.2 million will be laid off in coming months.

For years, bloated, inefficient but all-embracing state enterprises have drained billions of pesos from the economy, a process that cannot be sustained now, Cuban leaders say.
In addition, many factories and other parts of the

economy have closed or cut back because of a lack of fuel, electricity or spare parts. Here, the result is called "rationalizing the work force," not layoffs, and leaders have held meetings across the country to explain that the process will be toward freet markets that were unthinkable just a few gradual. They promise that those laid off will receive years ago. 60 percent of their pay for several months, depending on how long they have worked.

The only state spending increase this year was in social services, up about 50 percent to pay for jobless

There will be a process of laying off workers, but not in the manner of other countries," Ricardo Alarcon, president of the National Assembly, said in an interview. "It will come after months of discussions with people, so they know it will happen."

"It is not shock therapy," he added. In addition to causing anxiety, the move toward efficiency is forcing difficult choices or resident Fidel Castro, who already has carried out moves

Already, faced with the collapse of its traditional markets in the Eastern bloc and a crippling U.S. trade embargo. Cuba in the last two years has opened to foreign investment, allowed the free circulation of dollars brought in through tourism, authorized limited forms of self-employment and freed farmers to sell

produce at market prices to ease food shortages. Now, to absorb the excess work force, the state will have to expand the categories of self-employment that it began allowing two years ago. But such an expansion, officials acknowledge, will undercut the Communist Party's political hold and risk creating a wealthy class in a revolutionary society that has taken pride in

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Ebola Leaving Superstition and Death in Its Wake

By Jonathan C. Randal Washington Post Service

IKWIT, Zaire - Civil servants and market stall owners here and farmers in the city's outlying areas are all convinced that Dr. Dan Fountain is responsible for the Ebola virus that has killed more than 100 people here and will probably kill more.

Dr. Fountain seems an odd person to blame for the outbreak. He is a American Baptist missionary who for decades worked in Vanga, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from here, and wrote medical books for Zairian health officials

But residents of this city said Dr. Fountain was also a witch doctor who sometimes transformed himself into a hippopotamus. They said he deliberately poisoned doctors and medical staff here after delivering a lecture to them on AIDS.

Why he might have done such a thing is a mystery even to the people who said he did so. But with some of the world's best virologists working here to determine how this outbreak began, the people of Kikwit are not the only ones who are mystified. They have simply fallen back on witchcraft to explain their

The virus, named after a river in northern Zaire, normally hits monkeys and other animals but sometimes jumps to humans. It induces a from of hemorrhagic fever, causing death by uncontrollable bleeding from the eyes, ears and even the skin.

Why it has suddenly appeared here is as unclear as the source behind a 1976 outbreak that killed 211 people in the village of Yambuku in northern Zaire.

[The authorities in Kinshasa set up two information centers in the city on Monday so residents could check out rumors spawned by the outbreak, Agence France-Presse reported from the capital. The so-called rumor centers were installed at the town hall and at the city's largest hospital.

[Although no case of Ebola has been reported in Kinshasa, rumors that the disease has spread there have been swirling for 10

days.]
The virologists in Kikwit theorize that insects, animals, birds or even plants may be responsible for transmitting the disease. But

they readily confess that they do not know. What they do know is that this outbreak was potentially more serious than the one in 1976 because Yambuku was a small village. About half a million people live in Kikwit.

HEN the virus first struck here, local doctors thought they were "bloody" or "red diarrhea," which had killed hundreds of people as it moved north from Angola.

But the director of Kikwit's hospital, Dr. Mungala Kipasi, could not understand why any strain of diarrhea was killing so many people and why it was resistant to antibiotics. When Dr. Jean-Jacques Miryembe, a re-nowned virologist at Kinshasa University, was called to Kikwit on May I by stumped doctors, he had a hunch that Ebola was in-

As a young doctor he had helped fight the virus in Yambuku, and he became so famous in Zaire that people in Kikwit were sure that the outbreak would subside when he arrived.

He knew better. When laboratory tests showed that some patients were free of shigella, bacteria that cause dysentery and are a sure sign of red diarrhea, he sounded the Ebola alarm even before receiving confirmation from Belgium's Tropical Medicine Institute in Antwerp or the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

From then on, Dr. Muvembe as well as Dr. David Heymann, another Yambuku veteran now on loan from the Centers for Disease Control to the World Health Organization, and specialists from France, South Africa, Sweden and the United States were playing catch up. They feared that the virus might have crupted as early as December.



Red Cross workers putting on protective clothing before leaving the hospital in Kikwit to pick up possible victims of the virus.

And this time the virus was loose in a crowded, bustling city. In addition, it was spreading to other areas of Bandundu prov-

ince as its victims sought to escape the hospi-tal where the first victims died.

No one has identified the first human carrier of the virus, but the first person he or she infected was a 36-year-old hospital laboratory assistant named Kimfumu.

Operated on twice, he died on May 14, a week and a half after coming down with a fever and splotchy red and blue eruptions on his skin. He was the first of dozens of Zairian and foreign nuns, nursing sisters, doctors and other medical workers to die.

As of Monday, the virus had killed 101 of the 123 people who had contracted it so far. With a 21-day incubation period, the virus is not likely to vanish easily, Dr. Muyembe said.
In fact there is little Dr. Muyembe or anyone else can do except wait and count on information teams to preach elementary hy-

giene to the population. WHO officials agreed with his advice and over the weekend persuaded the Zairian authorities to lift the roadblocks holding back some 3,000 people at the border of Bandundu province, some 80 miles east of Kinshasa.

Dr. Muyembe argued that such barriers were rarely effective because the Ebola virus is contagious only when it actually afflicts its victims, and then they are too ill to move far. But the disease has already changed life in Kikwit. People here no longer follow a stan-

dard burial practice. "In our traditions," said Dr. Roger Ndambi, "we accompany the dead to burial and manipulate and wash the bodies. But now people are afraid to do so and are leaving the dead outside their homes and informing neighborhood health anthorities."

ED CROSS teams and local medical students are combing the city and the outlying bush with batterypowered megaphones to explain ba-

sic health precaution. They begin work at 5 A.M. to catch farmers before they disappear into the nearby rain forest to cultivate subsistence crops. Such tactics are necessary because there is no working radio or television to get the word out and Kikwit has electric power for only two hours a

day, right after dark. In the last week, international aid has provided health workers with rubber boots and gloves, goggles, surgical masks and full length

But even so protected, they are worried. Biba Kakwata drives a road maintenance truck that has been pressed into service as an ambulance. He loads and unloads cadavers or hoists the afflicted into the truck: there are few stretchers, and the sick are moved in

"I was afraid at the start, but death is for everyone," he said, regretting only that Kikwit residents now cover their nostrils when he drives by and that he has not been paid for six months. "Maybe the committee" in charge of fighting the virus "will think about us," he

Not far from pavilion three, the blue building at the hospital where Ebola victims are isolated, Cesarine Mbumba, the chief emergency ward nurse, told visitors she had pan-icked when the virus started killing nurses and doctors all around her and the sick were too scared to come to the hospital.

EARING two sets of nubber gloves, a full length smock, goggies, a mask and rubber boots, she said that of 36 emergency ward employees before the outbreak, only 10 were still working.

"Six are dead or ill, and the rest scampered," she said. Why had she stayed? "I was troubled," she replied. "My conscience would not let me run out on the patients. I had to stay to help them."

Standing next to her, Lieutenant Colonel Rene Kitniki shuffled around in a full panoply of protective clothing. As the regional military physician, he was as matter of fact as any other army doctor in any other army.

"Here we do the triage," he said. "Those with clinical signs of Ebola are sent off for isolation to paylion three," where plastic tape now encloses the veranda to from wandering away at night and sleeping in other wards.

Suspected cases are kept for 24 to 48 hours in an observation ward, he said. "Sure people are afraid to come to the hospital," he said, especially those who are ill with malaria or diseases other than Ebola."

Zaire is a poor country, and its public hospitals lack not only stretchers but also medicine and almost any kind of sophisticated equipment. Kikwit's hospital has only one

functioning vehicle. Infant mortality in Zaire is 10 times higher than in the United States, with babies, and others, dying of malaria, diarrhea, measles, sleeping sickness and other diseases that regularly take a far larger toll than Ebola has so

Dr. Muyembe says that some in the West have fastened onto the Ebola outbreak to indulge their fantasies about tropical Africa's role in propagating incurable diseases, start-

His colleague, Dr. Kipasi, the director of the Kikwit hospital, said: "I cannot even take a taxi. People prevent me because they are afraid of me and all the medical staff who were the first victims of the disease."

But he and Dr. Mayembe are not too bothered by all the publicity, although they think

The Ebola danger is real even if we know the infection cannot enter Europe in any big way," Dr. Kipasi said, "because with radio and television, a public health campaign there

would rapidly bring it until control."

He added: "But we prefer the excessive publicity to remaining silent. And I hope we get outside financial help. I never have a budget at Kinshasa University and funds are necessary to keep up surveillance and maintain hospital standards. We need money for measles, for malaria, for everything, not just

UT even with money, nothing can be done to repair the virus's toll. The Miati Mumbu family, which once counted nine adults, now is reduced to two young women and 16 young orphans. A granddaughter was the first to succumb, after giving birth by Caesarean section. Dr. Heymann and a Zairian medical student went to visit the family in Casamba on Kikwit's southern outskirts.

Their hoped to persuade the women to ovide a blood sample to help better understand the chain of contagion, not just through the stricken family, but for the outbreak at large, as well.

The women listened, but they refused. Instead, they ticked off every member of the family -and a neighbor who had helped care for the victims — ending up with the grandfa-ther who had died only last Saturday. "Af-waka," the women said in Kikongo after each

name. The word means "dead." They will not be the last to be buried in the cemetery with rudimentary crosses decorated with the deceased's favorite pots and cooking utensils.

Dr. Kipasi, the hospital director, said, "We haven't even reached a plateau."

for Ebola victims.

The team is still finding new

cases all over Kikwit," said the

director of Kikwit General

Hospital, Dr. Kipasa Mungala.

and the cases will decrease."

"We have to wait for the next

David Heymann, an Ameri-

can doctor with the World

eign experts expected a clearer

of the scale of the problem.

Arabs Keep Up Pressure on Israel

They Call for Land Takeovers In Jerusalem to Be Canceled

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - Buoyed by Israel's retreat on a major issue affecting Jernsalem, Arab leaders demanded Tuesday that the Israelis not merely suspend any confiscation of land in Palestinian neighborhoods but cancel it

outright.
Calls for further Israeli action came from senior officials in Arab nations and among the Palestinians, including Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Pales-tine Liberation Organization.

The confiscation plan has stirred international protests for weeks, and it threatened for awhile to bring down the government and, perhaps with it, the Middle East peace talks.

There was no sign that Israel was about to comply with the Arab demands. Its decision for now, made suddenly at a special cabinet meeting on Monday, is just to freeze the intended seizure of 134 acres in Palestinian

areas for study.
But Israeli officials acknowledged that there is almost no way now for them to press ahead with the expropriation, and so it effectively seems dead.
As such, their about-face to avoid a possible government collapse was generally viewed as an unusual Arab victory in the endless battle for control over Jerusalem, claimed by both Israelis and Palestinians as

their capital.
Officials said that, as far as they knew, it was the first time since Israel gained authority over the entire city in 1967 that it had announced a land expropriation and then backed away. Relentless building has been almost an article of faith for most Israelis, both to assert their pri- gres macy and to maintain demo-

government reversal was therefore seen by many as a defeat. "The big winners are the Arabs," the newspaper Ma'ariv

Still, the victory may prove to be shortlived. Israel may have stopped its land-development and housing plans on these 134 acres, in the Beit Safafa and Beit Hanina areas, but officials insisted that they would continne to build in other sections

captured by Israel in 1967.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said he hoped be-fore long to construct some 6,500 new apartments in Har Homa, a new Jewish neighbor-hood that is supposed to rise on wooded hillsides in the city's southeast, alongside the Arab areas of Umm Tuba and Sur Behir. That land, about 460 (1) acres, was expropriated in 1991, mostly from Jews who had acquired property there over the

"We are continuing to build in Jerusalem," Trade Minister Micha Harish said. "We are continuing to expand Jewish settlement in Jerusalem."

Whatever the future of land disputes, the decision to back off seems to have eased a crisis that was threatening to get out

of hand. Arab nations called off a summit meeting they had scheduled for Saturday in Morocco to consider anti-Israel action, and Israel and the PLO affirmed their commitment to reach an agreement on expanding Palestinian self-rule by July

Visiting Jerusalem, Osama Baz, a adviser to President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, said the Israeli turnabout had prodneed "an atmosphere which is suitable to achieve tangible pro-

On Israel's domestic front, graphic edge that Jews have however, the atmosphere was over Arabs in Jerusalem. The anything but cordial.

TRAVEL UPDATE

KLM Pilots Vote to Strike Tuesday

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) — Pilots at KLM Royal Dutch Airlines have voted overwhelmingly for an eight-hour partial strike Tuesday, the VNV commercial pilots union said.

The strike over pay and conditions will ground all KLM flights at Schiphol Airport near Amsterdam, the union said.

Airline analysts said a strike, the first at KLM since 1958, would severely hurt the airline's reputation and seriously disrupt timetables. A KLM spokeswoman declined to comment on the vote, saying the airline was waiting for an official statement from the

Finnair will begin selling alcohol other than beer on internal flights on June 1. The move by the national airline follows a partial relaxation of strict alcohol laws that followed the country's

entrance this year into the European Union. Israel sweltered in record heat Tuesday for a second day. The heat was caused by a desert wind known as sharav in Hebrew and hamsin in Arabic, a government meteorologist said.

Iran has inaugurated service by a shipping line of three cargo and one passenger vessels between its Caspian port of Bandar Anzali and the Russian Volga port of Astrakhan, the official Iranian press agency, IRNA, reported.

Coat Hanger and Brandy **Used in Midair Operation**

LONDON — Two doctors used a coat hanger and brandy to operate on a woman who fell ill with a collapsed hing on a flight from Hong Kong to London, a British Airways spokes-

The midair drama took place at 10,000 meters (33,000 feet) on board a British Airways Boeing 747 after Paula Dixon, a passenger, complained of pains in her arm, prompting the pilot to ask if there was a doctor on board.

year-old woman from Aberdeen, Scotland, had fractured from two to four ribs and that her lung had collapsed.
Using makeshift instruments as well as the plane's first-aid

Dr. Angus Wallace and Dr. Tom Wong slipped a coat hanger inside a catheter to help them push it through an incision in her chest.

Dr. Wallace said. The incident followed a motorcycle crash Mrs. Dixon had

Two doctors stepped forward and ascertained that the 39kit, they then carried out emergency surgery in Mrs. Dixon's seat. They used brandy as a disinfectant.

"We gave her a little bit of local anesthetic in the skin on her chest. She was conscious during the whole procedure,"

had on her way to the airport in Hong Kong on Saturday. She was recovering Tuesday in a London hospital. (AFP, AP)

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Swiss Quarantine Woman Feared to Have the Virus

ZURICH - A Swiss woman who returned from Zaire last week has been put under hospital quarantine on suspicion of having the deadly Ebola virus, Swiss health officials said Tues-

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last week," an agency statement said about the woman. "Shortly after her return to Switzerland she developed a fe-

101 people have died.

tered in Kikwit, where at least

"She was staying in the re-gion of Zaire afflicted by the

epidemic until the middle of

The unidentified woman was Bern for observation," the ader observation after run- agency added. under observation after running a high fever, but it may It said the first phase of the take several days to determine Ebola disease showed the same whether she has the disease, the Federal Health Agency said. If confirmed, it would be the

symptoms as other feverish ill-Swiss visitors to the tropics catch some kind of fever, it addfirst Ebola case to spread outside Bandundu Province. Zaire. from the current epidemic cen-

An agency spokesman said the woman flew back to Zurich last week from Zaire's capital, Kinshasa, on a Swissair flight. The Swiss airline's cabin

crews have been ordered to watch for Ebola symptoms among passengers from Zaire. A Swissair spokesman could not immediately say whether Switzerland she developed a fever, whereupon she was admitted to the Inselspital hospital in

"People infected with the 500 kilometers from Kinshasa, Ebola virus can only transmit the disease when the illness becomes severe and they suffer symptoms as other feverish ill-nesses. About 1 percent of agency said. "That is not the case with the woman in quesfew days to see whether people have changed their behavior

Doctors fighting the Ebola virus in the town that has borne the brunt of the epidemic are watching for a surge in cases among Kikwit's half million

and prepare to deal with any further increase, shortages of masks, gloves and other protec-

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Health Organization, said forpeople.
But as they find new victims picture over the next few days

tive gear are proving a worry.

Medical workers have been searching the sprawling town of Kikwit and outlying villages,

The latest death toll from the WHO, which is tracking the disease from Geneva, dates from Sunday. It showed 101 of 137

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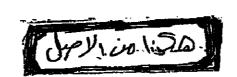
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Reprieve for Legislators: The Term-Limit Threat Fizzles

By Katharine Q. Seelye New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - It was liberation day for the U.S. Congress.

By nullifying term limits imposed by states, the Supreme Court on Monday in effect handed each member of Congress a "get out of jail free" card. If the court had upheld state-imposed term limits, 72 House members from seven states could not have run for re-election after next year. Now, for the time being anyway, they can all run more or less forever.

But they still must face the larger political truth that Americans overwhelmingly support term limits, and the Republicans among them face the corollary reality that their leaders have made term limits a major policy commitment.

Many members of Congress are eventually going to have to reconcile their own desire to stay in Washington with the reality that despite last year's watershed election, voters loathe careerism in politics.

Bowing to that need, and recognizing that euphoria over the decision could appear unseem-ly, many in Congress have affirmed their support

Representative Bill McCollum, Republican of Florida, who sponsored the main term-limits

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is the only practical route to enacting them.

But the House has already managed to shoot down four different amendment proposals. A constitutional amendment needs 290 votes to pass; the most popular proposal got only 227 votes. So the prospects seem pretty good that Congress will not pass an amendment in the foresceable future.

"I don't think there's any way to get two-thirds of the people in this place who are willing to say good-bye to their jobs," said Senator Daniel R. Coats, Republican of Indiana

Most Republican presidential candidates support term limits, even if Republican leaders in Congress have not been gung-ho advocates. With President Bill Clinton and most Democrats opposed to the idea, term limits are bound to become a contentious, if not defining, issue in the 1996 campaigns.

The general strategy of term-limits supporters is to work to elect enough new members of Congress to allow the eventual passage of term limits, but that could take a very long time.

In any case, no one is under any illusion that

for term limits and praised the court for at least stating clearly that a constitutional amendment sion might change only three or four votes, not now that the House has killed the issue for this anywhere near the additional 63 needed to pass a year. constitutional amendment.

> Mr. McCollum had called for House members to be limited to 12 years; the principal rival bili proposed limiting members to six years. This difference drove a wedge among supporters, with opponents suggesting that the alternatives were part of a deliberate strategy to split the proponents into factions so that no bill could pass.

> On the March night that the House defeated term limits, the speaker, News Gingrich, promised that the first act of the next Congress would be to bring up term limits. That will not be until January 1997. Moreover, the Georgia Republican did not indicate whether he would allow more than one term-limits proposal to be voted

In the Senate, the majority leader, Bob Dole, promised term-limits advocates that he would allow a vote by the August recess, and in a statement, the Kansas Republican said he remained committed to a vote "in the months

Not everyone sees a future for term limits. Calling them ill-considered, the previous House speaker, Thomas S. Foley, declared, "Term limits is dead."

But the Washington Democrat, who is now out of office, added that proponents would not

They'll spend a lot of money, they have great private resources and they'll try to make it a political issue in the next campaign," he said, "I think it's against the interests of voters of both

In an April poll by The New York Times and CBS News, 66 percent of those surveyed supported term limits. By nearly 2 to 1, they favored six-year limits over 12-year limits.

But what are voters to make of someone like Mr. McCollum, who advocates term limits but will not set a limit on his tenure now that the Supreme Court has knocked down term limits set by his home state. Florida?

The current system rewards seniority, he said, and until everyone is limited, he will not limit

Clinton Plans a 'Counterbudget'

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton, who three

months ago sent Congress a budget that would increase the

federal deficit, now says he will respond to Republicans with a

'counterbudget" that eliminates the deficit within 10 years.

interview with four New Hampshire reporters but not public-

ly released by the White House, follow statements by many of

his senior advisers that setting a date for balancing the budget

was arbitrary and would cause severe harm not only to people

helped by government programs but perhaps also to the

economy itself. Republican budget plans in both the House

Senate Republicans continued Monday to demand that the

White House and Democrats show how they would eliminate

the deficit as they fended off a Democratic effort to restore a

portion of proposed cuts in Medicare and Medicaid health

Democrats say it's not the right way," said the chairman of

the Budget Committee, Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico.

Mr. Clinton made clear in the interview that he would wait

for Republicans to embrace one budget before revealing the details of his plan. But he said he finds no problem with

'Where's their way? Where is their balanced budget?

"Any time we propose something that will get us there, the

and Senate achieve balance at the end of seven years.

Mr. Clinton's comments, made during a weekend radio

Evidence Puts Blood Of Simpson at Scene

Another DNA Test Described

LOS ANGELES - Yet another DNA test links O.J. Simpson to blood at the scene of the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson, at Mr. Simpson's estate and in his Ford Bronco vehicle, a prosecution scientist testified Tuesday.

Mr. Simpson's DNA is consistent with that in a blood drop found closest to the bodies outside Mrs. Simpson's condominium, two blood drops from the condo walkway and a drop taken from the driveway at Mr. Simpson's estate, said Renee Montgomery, a criminalist with the state Department of Justice.

All three samples of scrapings taken from under Mrs. Simpson's fingernails were con-sistent with her DNA, she said, and three stains she tested from a gate at the murder scene were consistent with Mr. Simpson's DNA.

The defense says Mr. Simpson was the victim of a conspiracy or of sloppy evidence col-lection by the Los Angeles Police Department. They say the blood under Mrs. Simpson's fingernails was that of a mysterious killer.

■ Report Tied to Conspiracy The Los Angeles Times re-

Lawyers for Mr. Simpson are investigating the intricacies of DNA testing and laying the groundwork for a novel aspect of their police conspiracy the ory, eliciting testimony about when certain DNA tests were performed in an effort to link a local television station to what

they suggest was a police plot. On Sept. 21, KNBC-TV committed the best-known media mistake of the double-murder case, erroneously reporting that DNA tests of Mr. Simpson's socks had shown the presence of Nicole Brown Simpson's blood. In fact, no such tests had yet been performed, and the socks were not submitted for DNA testing until Sept. 26.

Mr. Simpson's attorneys have made much of that mistake, suggesting that the story

Surrogate Preminger saved some of her harshest language

for the bank. She said senior

bank officials were aware that

Mr. Lafferty was misspending

estate money and sought to ap-

was fed to the station by police sources who knew the DNA results in advance because those same people were involved in planting the evidence. But although the defense lawyers have discussed the subject in interviews, Monday marked the first time that the jury heard testimony about it.

"So on Sept. 21, 1994, you had no DNA results consistent with the DNA typings of Nicole Brown Simpson from that sock?" Barry Scheck, a defense attorney, asked during his third day of cross-examining Gary Sims, a senior criminalist with the state Department of Justice who spent all last week on the witness stand.

"That's correct," Mr. Sims

Mr. Scheck was not allowed to pursue that line of questioning, but he did press ahead on other aspects of the conspiracy theory, asking about the amounts of DNA found in various bloodstains and pointing out that some of the samples collected weeks after the murders had more DNA than some of those collected on the day after the killings.

That, he suggested, was suspícious, because DNA generally degrades when left exposed to the elements. Mr. Simpson's attorneys have argued that the samples were planted, which they say explains their high DNA content.

Prosecutors dispute that contention, and a deputy district attorney derided the defense theories in front of the jury and elicited Mr. Sims's opinion that some elements of those theories struck him as "not really conceivable."

Asked a long hypothetical question about whether a vial of Mr. Simpson's blood could have been used to contaminate evidence, Mr. Sims said, "I don't see how that's possible."

extra attention to the KNBC report because of the odd fact that its incorrect results were borne out by subsequent tests.

The defense team has paid

"It can be done in seven years," he said. "The question is, What is the penalty and what are the trade-offs? I think it clearly can be done in less than 10 years." Christians Criticize Partisanship WASHINGTON - Saying that America is caught in a

balancing the budget by a date certain.

spending in their plan.

spiritual crisis worsened by overly politicized churches, members of a broadly ecumenical group of Christian leaders are releasing a statement calling for a verbal "cease-fire" and a search for common ground untainted by partisan ideology.

"Christian faith must not become another casualty of the

culture wars," says the statement, which has been signed by more than 80 prominent mainline Protestant, evangelical, Orthodox and Roman Catholic leaders, including six Catholic bishops. "Inflamed rhetoric and name-calling is no substitute for real and prayerful dialogue between different constituencies with legitimate concerns and a gospel of love, which can bring people together."

The Cry for Renewal: Let Other Voices Be Heard" was to be released Tuesday, a week after the conservative Christian Coalition unveiled its "Contract With the American Family."

The new statement, in the works for several months, does not respond to the coalition's document, which recommended that Congress restrict late-term abortions and pass a proposed Religious Equality Amendment that would permit some forms of school prayer, among other measures. But it contains pointed criticism aimed at religious conservatives.

"The almost total identification of the Religious Right with the new Republican majority in Washington is a dangerous liaison with political power," the statement says. It also faults religious liberals who have so closely identified with the Democratic Party as to forsake their "moral imagination."

Gingrich Boning Up on Dinosaurs

The speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, is amassing quite a dinosaur collection. Just the other day, the man who once aspired to be a vertebrate paleontologist was presented with a 2-foot-long cast of a stegosaurus tail spike by a paleontology society in Colorado. It goes along with the cast of a Tyrannosaurus rex skull he has on loan from the Museum of Natural History and a T-rex tooth replica.

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Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher on Republican proposals for severe cuts in foreign aid: "We cannot support our nation's foreign policy on the cheap. We cannot protect our interests as the world's most powerful nation if we do not marshal the resources to stand by our commitments." (NYT)

• The owners of the aged Maine Yankee nuclear power plant voted to repair its cracked steam generator tubes. The directors, who represent the 10 New England utilities that own the plant, approved a \$40 million plan to insert sleeves into the Wiscasset plant's 17,000 tubes.

• An Atlas rocket lobbed a meteorological satellite into Earth orbit from Cape Canaveral, Florida, giving the United States a full complement of weather sentries in time for hurricane season. The Lockheed Martin Atlas roared from the launching pad and put the satellite into orbit about 30 minutes later. company officials said.

 Women with advanced ovarian cancer extended their survival rate by 50 percent by taking a new combination of chemotherapy agents, a study indicates. The study of nearly 400 women found that patients who received the new cancer drug taxol and the chemotherapy agent cisplatin survived an average of 37.5 months, compared with 24.4 months for women who received cisplatin and Cytoxan. (Reuters)

· A parachutist was seriously injured when he tried to jump from the roof of the 76-story Columbia Seafirst Center in

• The first Japanese national to be extradited to the United States for murder has been convicted of killing a Japanese fortune teller and her son in 1994. Raita Fukusaku, 29. was found guilty in Honolulu of second-degree murder. He faces life in prison with a chance of parole at his Aug. 21 sentenc-

• About half of all lung cancer cases diagnosed now are in people who have quit smoking - many of them decades ago. a Los Angeles doctor said. But that does not mean it is futile to kick the habit, said Dr. Gary Strauss, the author of the ● About \$60 million from the Exxon Valdez oil-spill settlement

will be used to protect a vast tract of prime habitat for bear. salmon, bald eagles and other species on Alaska's Kodiak Island, the Interior Department said.

(AP)

• The Pentagon announced a S5 million program for research into ailments afflicting veterans of the Gulf War. (AP)

'Profligate' Butler Loses His Hold on Doris Duke's Fortune

By James C. McKinley Jr. New York Times Service

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OKLAHOMA CITY - The remains

of the Alfred P. Marrah Federal Build-

ing halking over this quiet city like a

gaping, ugly wound for a month, came tumbling down Taesday in a final roar of

Thousands of people, including some who lost friends or relatives when a rent-

al truck nacked with 4,800 pounds of

al truck packed with 4,800 pounds of explosives ripped through the building on April 19 and causing the deaths of 167 people, gathered in solemn silence on neighboring streets and atop nearby buildings to watch the demolition.

Many shuddered, winced or cried as 150 pounds of dynamite in 300 charges were touched off at 7-01 cm a great couched off at 7-01 cm a great couched off.

were touched off at 7:01 on a gray, over-

cast, windy morning.
It took only seconds, exough to see the open floors of the nine-story building sag for a moment, then collapse. An upright section containing the stairwell hesitated these classic tended folding issue.

ed, then slowly toppled, folding itself neatly on top of the wreckage. Then

NEW YORK - A Manhattan judge has ruled that the for-mer butler to the late tobacco heiress, Doris Duke, had used her fortune to finance his own "profligate lifestyle" and as a result was unfit to be executor of the \$1.2 billion estate.

Surrogate Eve Preminger said that since Miss Duke died in 1993, the butler, Bernard Lafferty, had moved into her mansions and traveled around in her chanffeured Cadillac and her private Boeing 737 jet at estate expense.

Mr. Lafferty, whom Miss Duke wrote into her will as an executor less than a year before she died, also went on spending sprees, running up buge bills for antiques, clothes and jewelty.

The judge also removed the United States Trust Co. of New York as the co-executor of the estate, saying that the bank's executives should have reined in Mr. Lafferty's lavish spend-ing. She sharply criticized the bankers for lending Mr. Laf-ferty more than \$825,000 at a time when he had no personal

"No one could read this sorry record and conclude that the Duke estate has been provided with the loyal and honorable service that the law demands,"

Surrogate Preminger said.

The decision, which lawyers for Mr. Lafferty and the estate said would be appealed, came after months of bitter wrangling in Manhattan Surrogate Court over who will control what is destined to become one of the

The bomb damaged building collapsing Tuesday in Oklahoma City. Thousands watched the demolition.

Building Where 167 Died Is Now Rubble

Salvers, a Customs Service worker who

was trapped for four hours in the wreck-

age, said before breaking into tears.
"When I heard the explosion, it brought

it all back. That's just what it sounded

Jannie Coverdale, whose two grand-

children died in the second-floor day-

care center, which took the brunt of the

truck bomb, covered her face with her

bands and turned away as the blast went

building now," she said. The site may

eventually become a memorial park; the

government's General Services Adminis-tration has not yet decided what to do.

Officials here have been saying for days that the implosion of the building — necessary because the wreckage was too shaky for rescue work, including the

retrieval of at least two bodies - repre-

But it will be a long time before the

sented a chance for "closure."

"At least I won't have to look at the

like. That's what I remember."

As an interim step, Surrogate Preminger appointed Alexander D. Forger, a prominent trust and estates lawyer, to oversee the estate, along with the Morgan Guaranty Trust

If the ruling is upheld on appeal it will apparently deprive Mr. Lafferty of a \$5 million executor's fee and a lifetime income of \$500,000 a year. The surrogate did not settle

allegations from several people contesting the will that Mr. Laf-ferty and his lawyers coerced Miss Duke to make changes in her will while her mind was addied by drugs and old age.

Neither did she address allegations from a former nurse and one of the heiress' former physicians that Mr. Lafferty conspired with Miss Duke's other doctors to give her a drug overdose on the night she died

m October 1993. The decision throws the fu-drinking, she said.

largest charitable foundations in the country.

As an interim step, Surrogate adopted daughter, Chandi Duke Heffner, had dropped her challenge to the will after reaching a \$65 million settlement with Mr. Lafferty, but that set-tlement's validity is now un-

... there was only a gray cloud and a pile of sadness, fear and bifterness goes away.

rubble 17 feet (5 meters) high. "At least that eyesore, that symbol of "I came here to say goodbye," Priscilla agony, is no longer there," said Oklaho-

ma's governor, Frank Keating

ated Press reported.

Michigan farm.

'Not an Iota of Evidence'

So far, two men, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, have been charged in the bombing. On Tuesday, Mr. Nichols's

brother, James, was released despite a

prosecutor's suggestion that he was in-

volved in the deadly attack. The Associ-

he is a danger to others," Judge Paul Borman of U.S. District Court in Detroit

ruled Monday, and he ordered Mr. Nichols freed. Mr. Nichols had been held since two days after the bombing on charges of making small explosives at his

Judge Borman told Mr. Nichols to

limit his travel to certain counties be-

tween Detroit and his hometown, Deck-

er, and wear an electronic monitoring

device at certain times. Mr. Nichols was

also barred from getting a passport.

"There is not an iota of evidence that

When Miss Duke died at 80, she left the bulk of her estate to charity. She had signed her last will six months earlier while she was hospitalized in Los Angeles for malnutrition and dehydra-

The last will gave Mr. Laf-ferty, a barely literate man who says he is an alcoholic, enormous power over the newly created Doris Duke Charitable

Foundation. In her ruling, the surrogate noted Mr. Lafferty's drinking habits and said he had gone on drinking binges since his ap-pointment. The estate has paid for his medical expenses when he has been hospitalized for

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"I know a lot of people who have never been to school who are millionaires," she said.

a substance-abuse problem, I mean, everyone has a sub-

stance-abuse problem."

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this duty to the estate and the charitable beneficiaries." Allison Cooke Kelloge. spokeswoman for United States

Trust has failed to discharge

Trust, denied the bank had mishandled the estate. "We believe our administra-

pease him rather than to stop tion of the Duke estate was in all respects proper and in keeping with Miss Duke's wishes." she said. "We are seriously considering appealing this deci-

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BELJING - With President Bill Clinton's decision to allow a U.S. visit by the leader of what China considers to be a renegade province, Taiwan, the state of U.S.-China relations is

about to get worse. In many ways, the relation-ship was already headed south. The Clinton policy of "comprehensive engagement" that was supposed to bind China

and the United States as strategic partners working for peace and development in Asia has turned into stylized diplomatic exchanges punctuated by threats of "trade war" over textile quota violations, prison labor exports or the pirating of copyrighted music and soft-

Some Chinese officials now suspect that the United States is developing a "containment" strategy against China through a military pact with Japan, weapons sales to Taiwan and the deployment of an anti-missile system in the Pacific that will neutralize China's strategic

A senior Chinese foreign policy expert told a recent visitor that when Chinese leaders get together these days, the country they voice the most anger toward and dislike for is the United States.

We see clear signs of resentment and perplexity about the United States," a Western dip-lomat said, "and this is indicative of the underlying suspicions about how the United States really views China."

Much of the anti-Americanism that has surfaced may be posturing by Chinese leaders

proaches, but it is nonetheless a reality of national politics. The hope that President Bill

seeking to show their mettle as the death of the paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping, apleader, Deng Xiaoping, approximately a proposed policy of high-level avoidance that arises from Mr. Clinton's desire to protect himself politically from a China for each of the would not meet for formal said, when Mr. Li upbraided take with Mr. Jiang when both men were in Moscow this month for V-E Day ceremonies.

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Clinton could forge a personal relationship with President takes as and, when Mr. Li upbraided takes with Mr. Jiang when both men were in Moscow this month for V-E Day ceremonies.

In March, Vice President Ai fairs.

Instead, there seems to be an increase in macabre human himself politically from a China policy that refuses to go his way, Western diplomats say. For this reason, Western offi-

Gore sought to break the ice with Prime Minister Li Peng at a UN conference in Copeaha—to end the annual human gen. Mr. Gore was somewhat rights showdown with China by

increase in macabre human rights accusations, the most recent involving an illicit trade in organs of executed convicts and the sale of human fetuses as food. There are rumors of new disclosures to come about the deliberate starvation of orphans.

Longtime China hands in the American foreign policy establishment argue that a stable working relationship with China is too important to allow every issue of human rights and trade -or a Taiwan president's visit to his alma mater in New York — to drag Beijing and Washington to the summit of confrontation.

"Do we want a view of China that is centered on organ trans-plants and infanticide or do we want a view of China in which we can recognize positive trends that have been under way here for two decades and build on those so that we have a relationship with China that represents an insurance policy and is not a liability?" a Westem diplomat asked.

Instead of answers, contradictions abound.

The United States needs China's cooperation in bringing North Korea's nuclear weapons program to an end, Western of-ficials say. But Congress re-mains riveted by issues of Ti-betan and Taiwanese independence that strike at the core of Chinese sovereignty or, in the case of human rights abuses, embarrass Beijing's Communist Party mandarins.

"The strategic element is not there in our foreign policy de-bate at the moment," a Western diplomat said. "The flightiest issues in terms of their strategic importance are being equated or overshadow issues that are of far more fundamental importance,"

What seems to be certain, Chinese and Western officials say, is that China will now respond to Mr. Clinton's decision to overrule 16 years of American policy and allow Taiwan's president, Lee Teng-hui, to visit Cornell University's reunion.

The last time China accused Washington of reneging on their sensitive understandings over the status of Taiwan was in the summer of 1992, when Presto Taiwan.

Within days, Chinese leaders leaders met in secret and authorized the sale of M-11 ballistic missiles to Pakistan in violation oi ius previous pieci ington not to do so, Western

And now? Will Pakistan get more such technology? Or will China decide to move closer to Iran? Officials say it will be just

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Backing for Women Against China

BEUING — Australia, Canada and New Zealand threw their weight Tuesday behind women's organizations lighting to avert Chinese plans to shunt their 1995 global forum to a rural resort outside Beijing.

Diplomats from the three nations made high-level representations to the Foreign Ministry, urging China to rescand a decision to change the forum site from Beijing to the rural town of Huairou, more than an hour from the city center, officials said.

Australia's permanent representative to the United Nations will raise the matter with Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali, the Australian Embassy said. A 19-member committee representing worldwide nongovernmental organizations, or NGOs, voted on May 10 to reject China's proposal to move the forum's venue to Huairou.

Some 1,300 organizations are accredited for the Ang. 30-Sept. 8 NGO Forum, which coincides with the Fourth World Conference on Women, a decennial gathering.

Uncertainty in U.S.-Korea Talks

KUALA LUMPUR — North Korea and the United States on Tuesday ended a third round of inconclusive talks aimed at resolving differences over the North's nuclear industry. A U.S. Embassy spokesman said working level officials met for

three hours on Tuesday evening.

The heads of the two delegations retreated to the sidelines as lower-level officials tried to resolve the problem of who will supply reactors to North Korea as part of an accord signed last October. There was no word on whether the two heads of the delegations — the North Korean deputy foreign minister, Kim Kye Gwan, and the U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asia and the Pacific, Thomas Hubbard would rejoin the talks on Wednesday, the spokesman said.

Schism in Breakaway Indian Party

NEW DELHI — A crack appeared in a breakaway faction of India's ruling Congress (I) Party on Tuesday, four days after the dissidents formally split with Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao.

A newly appointed member of the rebel camp's governing board, K. K. Trwari, said he had resigned from the panel in displeasure only hours after being named to it because he had not been consulted about being named to the 25-member panel. He also said he feared the secretive method by which he was appointed clashed with the rebels' objectives and sent the wrong signal.

For the Record

Beijing policemen detained another dissident, Jiang Qisheng, a signer of an appeal to China's Communist Party demanding tolerance of differing opinions. The detention brought to seven the number of dissidents rounded up before the sixth anniversary of the June 4, 1989, crackdown on student demonstrators. Four other dissidents have disappeared.

More than 200,000 people are starving in Son La Province and parts of Dac Lac Province, two remote mountainous areas of Vietnam, official press reports from Hanoi said

About 70 South Koreans demonstrated in front of a U.S. military base in Seoul to protest what they called increasing crimes involving U.S. soldiers. Last Friday, South Korean policemen arrested 12 U.S. soldiers for allegedly beating a Korean man in a brawl at a Seoul subway station. The soldiers were later turned over to U.S. military anthorities. (AP)

VOICES: From Asia

Qian Qichen, Chinese foreign minister, reacting to the U.S. decision to allow a visit by President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan: 'On behalf of the Chinese government, I hereby lodge a

Roger Moss, finance director of Hong Kong's Mass Transit Railway Corp.: "Debt is a product, like a vegetable in a



PROTESTERS FLOOD DELHI — Thousands of women from Haryana state with empty water jars parading through New Delhi on Tuesday to protest a recent water allocation agreement that allots more water to other states.

Deng Is Fine,

His Daughter

Tells a Paper

HONG KONG - The

eldest daughter of Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, insists that her fa-

ther and mother are in good

health, a pro-Beijing news-

paper here said Tuesday.
"My father's health is

Police Unit Is Accused of Murdering 11 in Manila

MANILA - A police investigator here has asserted that a special anti-crime unit killed 11 people in cold blood last week and made it appear that they were bank

The allegations by the senior police officer, Eduardo de los Reyes, led to his dismissel by Chief Superintendent Romeo radio station Tuesday and ornicer had improperly disclosed

robbers slain in a shoot-out with police-

evidence in a continuing investigation. Relatives of some of the dead men said they were college students, and they threatened to sue over their deaths.

"Relatives of the victims are entitled to file cases against those involved if they have evidence," Mr. Acop said. President Fidel V. Ramos hailed the

deaths of the 11 last week, citing an "effective intelligence network" for the downfall of a "big time robbery syndicate."

But Mr. de los Reyes said Monday that the men were in handcuffs in police vans shortly before the supposed shoot-out. He said he saw two policemen enter the vans and then heard gunshots. After the two officers left the vans, they and several other policemen sprayed the prisoners

with automatic rifle shots. Mr. de los Reyes also asserted that his Acop said.

superiors, whom he did not identify, asked him to tamper with the serial numbers of the firearms that had been taken from the suspects' bodies.

Mr. Acop on Tuesday called on Mr. de los Reyes to turn over evidence in the case to the police crime laboratory so the probe could continue. The officers who took part in the shoot-out were being questioned by investigators, he added.

He said Mr. de los Reyes had yet to make a sworn statement detailing his alle-

"The investigation is continuing." Mr.

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officials say. Various reports in recent weeks have said that Mr. Deng, 90, has run a fever, gone into a coma or lost the ability to see clearly. a matter of time, again.

good," Deng Lin was quoted as saying in the Wen Wei Po newspaper. "My mother's health is ident George Bush said General Dynamics could sell 150 F-16s good. My brothers and sis-

strong protest with the U.S. administration."

vegetable market. If it's good quality, people will return to buy it again."

Wataru Kabo, Socialist Party leader, addressing a rally in Tokyo to support Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama's plan to apologize for Japan's World War II aggression: "If we can't pass the resolution, we will not be able to explain ourselves to victims of the war at home and abroad."

Sri Lanka Chief Vows to Overcome Rebels

COLOMBO - President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga has vowed to use

"any means" to restore peace to Sri Lanka, and her government has won Western support ahead of a major offensive against Tamil rebels, diplomats said Tuesday.

In her first televised address to the nation since the start of the latest hostilities, Mrs. Kumaratunga said ethnic war was being forced on the country by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil

"If peace cannot be achieved through peaceful means, we will achieve it through any other means," the president said in her speech Monday. "Our fight is only against those who op-

Mrs. Kumaratunga is a mem-ber of the mostly Buddhist Sin-

halese majority. The Tigers Tamil civilians to be ready for a have been fighting Colombo for large-scale battle.

a decade for a separate state in Western and Asian diplothe north for the mostly Hindu

She admitted that the security forces had suffered setbacks in the first two weeks of fighting after the Tamil Tigers walked out of peace talks on April 19, but she said that the army had gained the upper hand since

"We will not give conflicting and confusing signals to the military," she continued. "Clear and coherent strategies are in the process of being implement-Sources in the army con-firmed that it was acquiring

new transport planes, helicopters and gunboats to mount a major offensive against the Ti-

had attracted international support with its six-month effort to reach agreement with the Tigers because it seemed to be making every effort to work out a solution to the war. . Just before Mrs. Kumaratunga's speech, the Australian for-eign minister, Gareth Evens,

Tigers for having scuttled the peace drive and urged expatriate Tamils to pressure the rebel leadership to stop fighting. Nearly 500 people have been killed since fighting resumed a month ago. The army admitted losing 246 men and said that

who was on a visit, assailed the

235 rebels had been killed. Mrs. Kumaratunga said several nations had promised mili-The Tigers have warned tary aid to Sri Lanka, but she

Claiming Western Support, She Vows to Use 'Any Means' declined to say which ones. Her army is poorly equipped to fight the Tigers, who are regarded as one of the deadliest guermats here said the government

rilla groups in the world. Mr. Evans said that during his one-day visit, the Sri Lankan government had not asked for military help from Austraha, which is home to a substantial Tamil community.

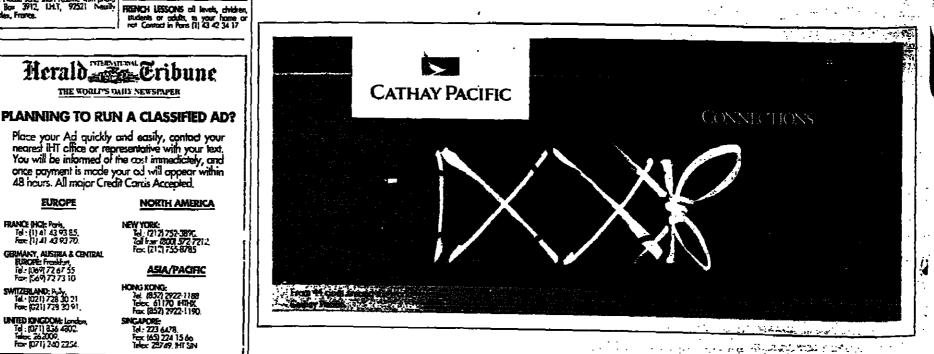
Tamils abroad have a "romantic" idea of the Tigers, Mr. Evans said, adding that the Tiger leadership had showed "no discernable will" to negotiate. "I have no hesitation in telling the Tamils in Australia that 🛎

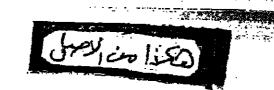
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proach will receive a sharp and strong reaction from the international community." he said. The United States, the European Union, Australia and some Asian nations have all criticized the Tigers' return to

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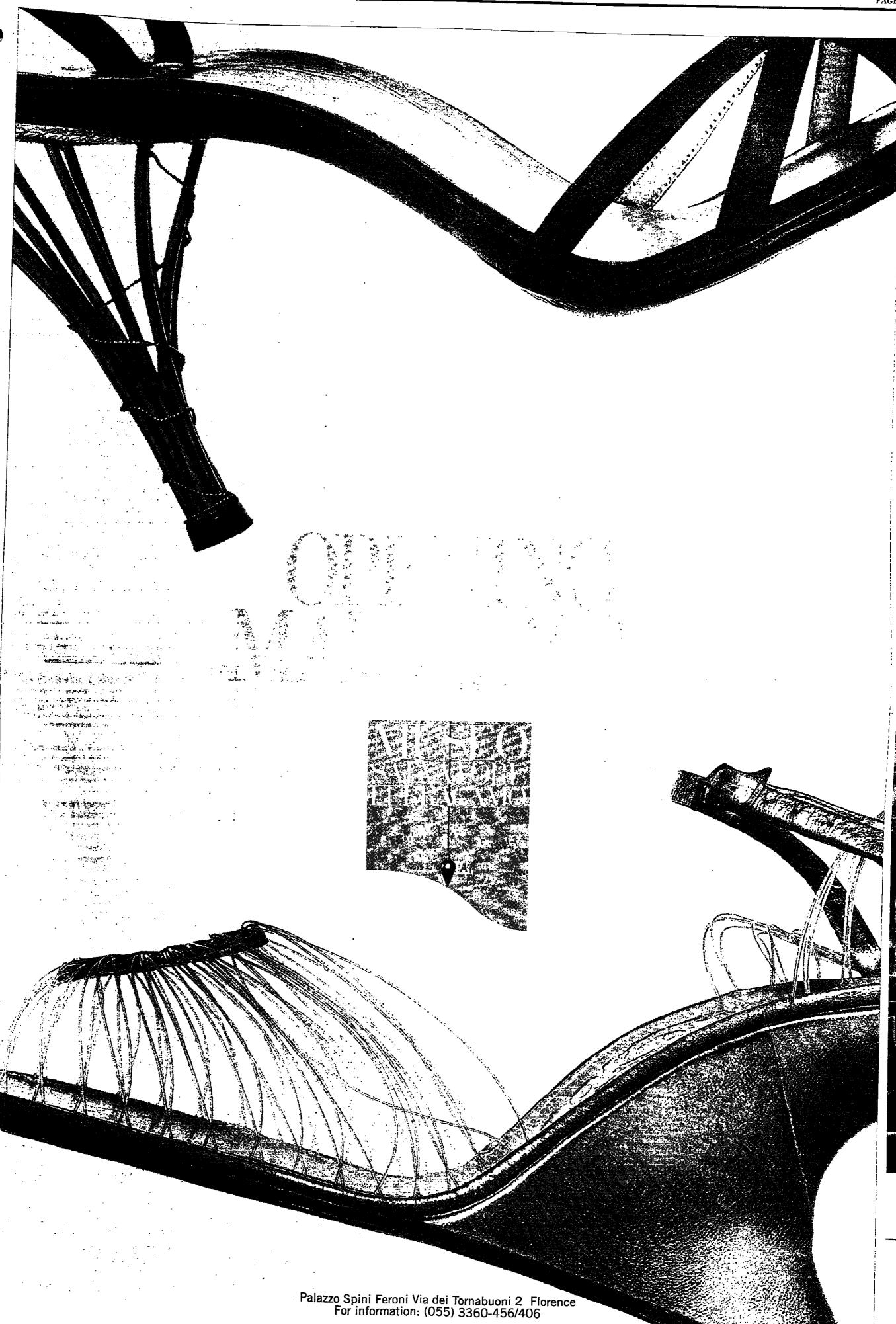
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Magnitude of Pipeline Spill in Russia Emerges With Spring's Thaw

By Margaret Shapiro Washington Past Service

USINSK, Russia — It looks as if some-one poured buckets of thick black ink into the streams, coating miles of banks, bushes and birch trees with a slimy cover of crude oil, inches deep. The cold wind stinks of petroleum vapors.

The river into which these creeks feed is covered with a rainbow slick for miles. Nearby, a lake of gooey crude, the size of several football fields, burns furiously. sending a billowing column of acrid, bluegray smoke into the air, where it drifts for miles above the tundra — the flat, subarctic plain that in these parts is marshy.

Experts argue about the size of the pipeline oil spill that occurred last summer in the remote Komi region of Russia, 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) northeast of Moscow — whether it was eight times the size of the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill off Alaska or just three times.

There is no question, however, that an environmental disaster of major proportions is emerging from a deep winter

This is a monster spill," said Richard

McGahan, one of dozens of Alaskans experienced in oil cleanups who are hard at work on a World Bank-funded effort to block the oil from further fouling Komi's rivers and tundra. "I've just never seen

anything like it." There is also no question that serious environmental degradation of this frigid oil-producing region has been going on for years. Dozens of other spills and leaks from corroding, poorly maintained oil pipelines abound, easily visible from the main road out of Usinsk. Pools of oilslicked water spread out from an old refin-

Sections of marshland are black and dead where the regional oil company, Ko-mineft, has burned off spills. Fish catches from local rivers have plummeted since the mid-1970s, and what is caught often smells of oil. Milk of cows pasturing on river

banks has been found to be tainted. According to Alexei Yablokov, a biologist who is President Boris N. Yeltsin's environment adviser, the Usinsk mess is hardly singular. Wanton disregard for nature was the norm for decades in the Soviet

"In our country, rivers, lakes and forests were sacrificed in the name of industrial

development," Mr. Yablokov said recent-

Today in Russia. nearly all major rivers are contaminated, air in some regions is a health hazard, and nuclear fallout or poorly stored nuclear and chemical wastes pollute swaths of land.

"The ecological situation in Russia is truly alarming," Mr. Yablokov said.
The Usinsk oil spill, which a recent

World Bank report called one of the world's largest, was probably not even the worst or messiest that Russia has seen, Mr. Yablokov said.

I am sure that we have larger spills every year, but nobody knows of them," he told the Russian newspaper Nezavisimaya Gazeta last month.

The oil spread across 70 hectares (170 acres) of streams and fragile bogs and marshland when sections of the underground Usinsk-Kharyaga pipeline, built in 1975 and heavily corroded after inadequate maintenance, sprang what the World Bank report called a "veritable explosion of major leaks" last August and September.

In a dozen or more places, hot crude oil poured into the earth, pooling and eventually spilling into creeks and streams.

Officials from Komineft, which operates the leaky pipeline, responded as they had to previous spills: Strict secrecy prevailed as they attempted to stanch the flow with dams. They set some of the oil on fire.

But the cash-strapped company, which has laid off many workers and is months late in paying others, did not shut off the pipeline, and oil continued to spill out of it. At the same time, heavy rains collapsed some of the makeshift dams.

As many as 20,000 tons of oil blackened first the Kolva River and then the Usa and Pechora rivers as well, according to the Usinsk ecology committee. That amount compares with the 35,000 tons of oil spilled by the Exxon Valdez in Alaska's Prince William Sound.

"It was like some dark snow on the water," said Alexander Milyokhin, from the fishing village of Ust-Usa at the confluence of the Usa and Pechora tivers. The oil just coated the whole river. We thought maybe there had been some problem with a pipe, but we never thought it could be such a huge accident."

Russian officials now say, however, that they believe about 100,000 tons oozed out of the pipeline. American experts at the time the spill became public last fall sug-

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over the 26 predominantly

Catholic counties that were

then the south of Ireland and

now form the independent Re-

Britain - at the urging of

many Protestants - held on to the six majority Protestant

counties in the north, which col-

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Since then, largely Catholic Irish "nationalists" have been

seeking reunification of the is-

land while mostly Protestant

"unionists" have with equal in-

transigence sought to retain the

link with Britain. Violence by

paramilitary organizations

Last fall, secret and indirect

contacts among British offi-

cials, Sinn Fein and the IRA

produced an announcement of

a "cessation of hostilities" by

the IRA, followed shortly by a

similar declaration by their

Protestant counterparts, the Ul-

ster Freedom Fighters and the

Then a few weeks ago, the

British government announced

it was satisfied that Sinn Fein,

which it equates with the IRA,

might seriously discuss the sub-

ject of disposing of weapons

and explosives in Northern Ire-

land, and Britain opened minis-

That announcement has had

a dramatic impact on the peace process. The conference this

week will be the first time top

British and Irish officials have

met together at the White

House and the first time repre-

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In a briefing with American

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The nature of the conference

Brings Old Foes Together

By Fred Barbash

Washington Post Service

Ireland Investment Conference

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Most closely watched by the

tween Patrick Mayhew, the

charge of Northern Ireland, and

Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn

Fein, the political wing of the

Irish Republican Army, who

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LONDON — The Northern

gested that as many as 270,000 tons had place: in huge pools, on river banks, spread through the hundra.

Kominest insists the damage was no more than about 14,000 tons and accuses Western officials, who revealed the spill to the world, of exaggerating the situation to make Kominest look bad.

"They exaggerated, that's for sure," said Sergei Kuznetsov, head of Kominest operations in Usinsk. "During the same period, there were more oil spills in the West. This oil spill was just a local emergency. I can't understand why the whole world is inter-

Mr. Kuznetsov and other oil company officials fault the Russian government and before that, the Soviet government for not providing adequate funding over the years for pipeline maintenance and construction, and, now, for taxing the company so heavily that it can barely sur-

The most corroded part of the pipeline was replaced months after the spill, but Russian and Western officials suggested in interviews last week that it was poorly built and might cause more such problems. Further damage was haited by the onset f winter, which froze the black crude in

around stands of now-haggard trees. Snow fell and covered it.

But now the snow has melted, and the rivers are flowing. The oil, until recently the consistency of peanut butter, is thinning and flowing, too.

Russian and Western cleanup crews, who had no idea what they were facing when they began plotting a cleanup strategy a few months ago, are scraping, scooping, siphoning and suctioning around the clock to prevent any more oil from getting into the river system.

Russia, smarting from having the West sound the alarm over this spill, delayed until late January a request for Western

In March, the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development agreed to provide \$125 million for a new pipeline and cleanup; they stipulated that the effort be undertaken by a Western company experienced with modern and environmentally sound techniques for dealing with oil spills.

Spending on the Exxon Valdez cleanup, which was spread over a much wider area. exceeded \$2 billion.



HUNG UP — A Greenpeace member hanging near a banner draped at Royal Dutch/Shell Group headquarters in The Hague. The group was protesting Shell's plans to bury a decommissioned oil platform in the Atlantic.

Peace Talks Due, Battles Still Rage in Chechnya

a ratists fought fierce battles chen capital now held by the around a rebel-held village Russians. Tuesday even as a European top-level peace talks would take Organization for Security and

s chen leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, would turn up. held under international aus-

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Sandor Meszaros, who heads security official said serious the assistance mission of the Cooperation in Europe in Negotiations between Rus- Chechnya, said he believed that sians and the secessionist Che- all those invited to attend

Prospects for a deal between

Reuers pices, are scheduled to open in General Dudayev and the Rusvillage of Bamut in southwest GROZNY, Russia — Rus-Thursday morning here in sians, who call the war an in-Chechnya. **ternal affair." are uncerta**i Russia's defense minister, Pavel S. Grachev, said on May 13 that his forces would fight until the

> tion but to surrender. The Russian pursuit of the separatists continued Tuesday. The Itar-Tass press agency said Russian forces again shelled woods around the rebel-held

rebels realized they had no op-

Russian planes also kept up rocket and bomb attacks on the British cabinet-level official in village and surrounding areas, the agency said.

The better-armed Russians have pushed Chechen separatists out of the towns on the plains and are shelling suspected rebel positions in southern

Mr. Mayhew took the initiative of inviting Mr. Adams to meet with him before the formal opening of the conference in part because he knew the tension of the two being there together - without meeting could overwhelm coverage of the conference, overshadowing its purpose, which is to promote investment in Northern Ireland by U.S. and Canadian compa-

Although no one expects substantive movement in the Northern Ireland peace process. questions of who meets with whom, when and where, have become nearly an obsession here. The symbolic movement, which matters, has thus already been accomplished.

So much do they matter that the mix of the conference has on the Catholic side - will atalso produced ritual boycotts by the most prominent Protestant politicians in Northern Ire- first time Mr. Mayhew meets land: the Reverend lain Paisley, the immovable leader of the most immovable Protestant party, and James Molyneaux, the more soft-spoken but equally uncompromising force designed to tame what he saw as against change. They simply do the media zoo in Washington. not appear in the same room But he also said he believed the

But their parties - Mr. Pais- tential investors.

For Cheap Fun, Madrid's the Place BRUSSELS — Madrid is the European Union's cheapest city for expatriate drinkers, eaters and smokers, according to

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Eurostat, the Union's statistics agency.
Finland's capital, Helsinki, is the most expensive place for

food, drink and tobacco in the bloc. In a report made public Tuesday, the Luxembourg-based agency said Copenhagen was the most expensive EU capital to live in, followed by Paris, Berlin and Vienna.

For cheapest capital, there was a tie, with Athens and Lisbon taking the honors. The survey, based on three years' worth of data, did not consider spending by locals, but looked mainly at costs to foreign government and business officials "with a relatively

high standard of living." The cheapest place to buy clothes and shoes was London: Paris was the most expensive.

Finland to Pursue a U.S. Air Pact

HELSINKI - Finland is to go ahead with its own "open skies" agreement with the United States despite European Union objections, and hopes to finalize the pact in late June, a Transport Ministry spokeswoman said Tuesday, Transport Minister Tuula Linnainmaa told the daily Hel-

singin Sanomat that she was prepared to take up a challenge by the EU transportation commissioner, Neil Kianock, and defend her decision to seal a pact bilaterally through the European Court.

"It is in Finnish interests to keep the national aviation business in our own hands," she was quoted as saying, "If the commission wishes, we will go to court. Kinnock's threat doesn't have any weight in this matter."

Four other small EU states currently talking to Washington

- Austria, Belgium, Denmark and Sweden - have not yet said if they would drop bilateral talks and let the commission negotiate an overall deal.

Protesters Blockade Ports in Spain

ALMERIA, Spain - Spanish fishermen and farmers blockaded southern ports Tuesday to stop two trucks from heading north with cargoes of Moroccan melons and olives. Port authorities said protesters stopped a French truck carrying 10 tons of melons and forced it back to North Africa A Spanish truck carrying Mosoccan olives was prevented

from leaving the port and remained in Almeria. Fishermen are angered by Moroccan calls for drastic cuts in Spanish quotas as part of any new fishing accord with the

European Union.

Protests began last week, when fishermen and farmers blockaded the port of Algerias, which faces Tangier across the Strait of Gibraltar.

(Reuters)

EU Urges River Travel for Freight

BRUSSELS — The European Commission adopted plans Tuesday to relieve pressure on the Continent's congested highways by promoting freight transportation by river and

In a statement, the European Union's executive body said shipping goods by inland waterways was safer, better for the environment and more energy efficient than road or rail

transportation.
"By making waterways more economically attractive, we will encourage freight operators to take cargoes off our congested roads," said Neil Kinnock, the EU transportation

Mr. Kinnock said Europe's canal network already carried more than one-third of total freight transported among the 15 EU member nations.

Cailendar

European Union events scheduled for Wednesday: BRUSSELS: Karel van Miert, EU Commissioner for

Competition Policy, presents annual report on competition. TOKYO: Edith Cresson, EU Commissioner for Research and Development, visits Japan to meet with Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama and other government officials.

BRUSSELS: Manuel Marin, EU Commissioner for Relations with Asia, Mediterranean and Latin America, addresses EU Parliament committee on regional policy.

WASHINGTON: Monika Wulf-Mathies, regional policy commissioner, participates in the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland.

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German Police Ram Fugitives and Free Guard

- The police recaptured two ness, Jens Goda. escaped convicts Tuesday who The convicts. had led them on a wild chase across northern Germany since dinger, 38, escaped from a pris-breaking out of prison Sunday. on in Celle, about 100 Both A prison guard taken hostage was freed unharmed.

The two convicts, both in-fected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and described as armed and dangerous, had been driving around the city of Osnabrueck, tossing bank notes out of their car window.

Special police units moved in as the convicts' car stopped at a traffic light. Several unmarked police cars rammed it, and dozens of officers dragged the two men and their hostage from the

"The whole operation took kilometers (60 miles) from Os-since 1979. Mr. Strüdinger, who nabrucck, taking the 35-year-was convicted of manslaughter, OSNABRUECK, Germany only 10 seconds," said a wit-

The convicts, Günther Finneisen, 37, and Peter Strü-

Both men had been in prison bery and fraud.

old prison guard. Dietmar took a hostage 11 years ago in a Kraft, with them. They used similar escape but was caught weapons they had made them—the next day in Bremen. Mr.

Moves to Avert TV Referendums Fail in Italy

tions on a deal to avert a round Berlusconi, a media owner and tor, Giorgio Bogi, said.

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dums on television broadcasttwo of his three private neiments and having evaluated the ing collapsed Tuesday, a media- works.

Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia The breakdown means that party said Monday that it was Italians will now almost cer- pulling out of negotiations and

on June 11. The key referendum -ues of trying to "demolish" Mr. ROME - All-party negotia- would, if passed, compel Silvio Bertusconi's Fininvest empire.

various positions, it is not possible to conclude negotiations to avoid the television referendums," Mr. Bogi told reporters tainly vote in the referendums accused leftist and centrist par- in Parliament.

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Taxis are plentiful, except when you need them, and relatively inexpensive. Many drivers speak some English. Metered fares do not include a tip; add about 10 percent. For journeys out of town, there are plenty of limos. Ask your hotel concierge to negotiate a price - and then try to bargain it down. You don't need to add a tip to the agreed fare.

We do not recommend taking a taxi - or driving yourself - along the coastal highway, the Marginal, to Estoril and Cascais. Recent studies have shown it to be one of the most dangerous highways in Europe. Instead, take the new A5 toll road or try the fast, frequent commuter trains, which start from a station near the ferryport on the river. The train offers a magnificent view of

At a Glance

Lisbon is built on hills facing the estuary of the River Tagus. Business Lisbon is compact, and most of the outstanding restaurants are located in the city center. The easiest way to visualize the city is to imagine one is landing from the Tagus at the Estação Fluvial Sul e

To the right, rising steeply to a peak, is what remains of early Lisbon, the picturesque and crowded Alfama neighborhood of Roman, Moorish and Visigoth origin. This was the old Moorish and Jewish

A Getting Around

Straight ahead is the "new" city. The huge Praça do Comércio (Commercial Square), open to the sea at the front, is flanked by impressive, pinkish buildings and leads through arches to another vast square, the Praça Don Pedro IV, known as the Rossio. The area between, the Baixa, is the central commercial, banking and shopping district...

⊊ In a Word

Back to the waterfront. Left, looking inland, are hills and a maze of streets. some of them extremely steep. This is the Bairro Alto, home of fado houses and some of Lisbon's best restaurants. Looking sharply left, the coast stretches along the Tagus to Estoril and Cascais, two fashionable resorts, the first with an elegant casino.

Wining & Dining

Now turn your back on the city of Lisbon and look across the river's broad. mouth. There are some of the most important industrial suburbs. There also are some good, crowded, and noisy popular restaurants specializing in fish and

Flores. Tel.: 609196. Delicacies are based on convent

and monastery recipes dating back to the 1500s. No bread-and-water diets here. Cozinha Velha, Palacio de Oueluz, Tel.: 435-0232. The former royal kitchen has been turned into an interestseafood.

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Portuguese resembles ing restaurant, with high both Spanish and Italian in stone arches, walk-in firewritten form but sounds enplace and walls lined with tirely different when spoken. gleaming copper utensils. Most native speakers swal-low whole syllables, so that Fine Portuguese and other European dishes. vinho tinto (red wine) be-

Gambrinus, 25 Rua das Portas de Santo Antao. Tel.: 342-1466. Many small rooms where fish and crustacea famous for their quality and variety are served. Open, blue-tiled kitchen. Popular with the business crowd.

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Tavares, 37 Rua da Misericordia. Tel.: 342-1112. Mirrors, crystal, and broest restaurant. We've noticed a decline in quality, but the restaurant remains popular with businesspeople. Expensive.

Varina da Madragoa, 34 Rua Madres. Tel.: 396-5533. A traditional tavern converted into a restaurant, close to Bonjardim, 10 and 11 the legislative assembly, the Travessa de Santo Antao. Palacio Sao Bento. Simple, Tel.: 342-7424. Two traditional fare served politely. Popular with embassy ofbustling restaurants facing ficials and journalists.

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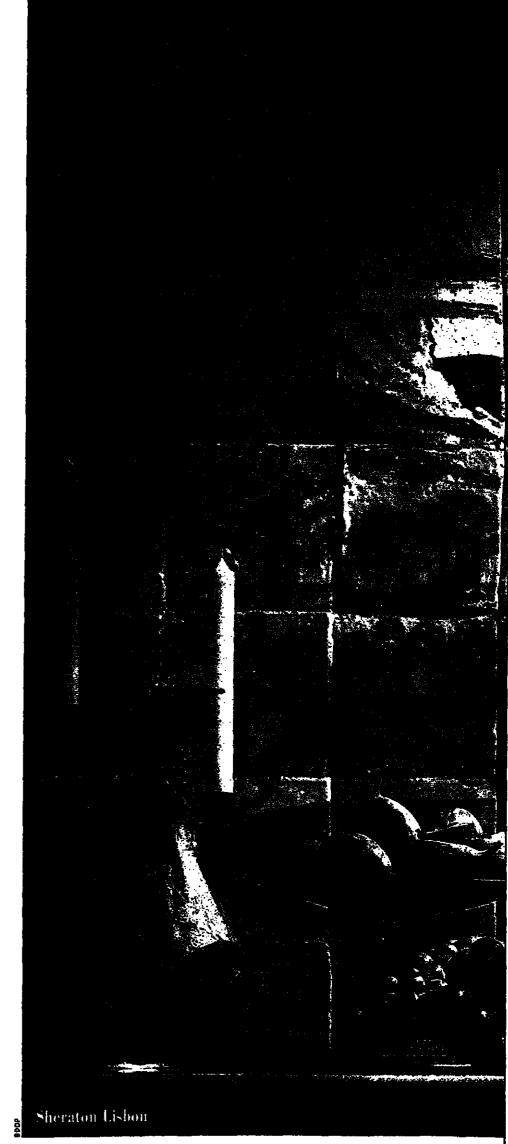
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The End of the Most Prestigious Address in Washington

Now Let's See: Where Does President Live?

By David Von Drehle Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The -most famous address in America no longer exists.

Oh, no doubt the White House will continue to get any mail sent to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, But at dawn last Saturday, the president stopped living on a street and began living in a subtly fortified park. Penn-

NEWS ANALYSIS

sylvania Avenue was closed to traffic between 15th and 17th Streets, eventually to become a sort of plaza. From H Street all the way south to the edge of the Ellipse, the White House will be surrounded by fences and gates and guard houses.

People live on streets. Kings live in parks. This is not a new observation: President George Washington and his secretary of state, Thomas Jefferson, argued about this very point 200 years ago. Pierre L'Enfant, designer of the capital city, had envisioned a broad avenue that would lead from the Capitol at one end to the president's house at the other - a brilliant conceptual linkage of the two great constitutional powers.

Washington believed this avenue should end at the grounds of a huge presidential palace, befitting a monarch.

Jefferson disagreed. To symbolize that the president was a citizen like any other, he proposed a more modest mansion. He prevailed, and for generation upon generation, Americans on their way from one place to another, in the course of their ordinary business, have been able to pass the president's house, on horseback, by trolley. in buses and cars.

The president was a person who lived on a street.

Pennsylvania Avenue has been routinely open to traffic for the entire history of our re-public," President Bill Clinton said. "Through four presidential assassinations and eight unsuccessful attempts on the lives of presidents, it's been open. Through a civil war, two world wars, and the Gulf War, it was

But now it must be closed." has been called, and it took a lot weren't that many options."

to close it down. The British invaded Washington and burned the White House to the ground in the War of 1812. That lidn't do it.

The country split in two and fought a war, but President Abraham Lincoln had to be talked into grudgingly accepting a bodyguard.

Although Bonus Marchers

went right to the gates of the White House during the Depression and threatened to riot. the trolleys up Pennsylvania Avenue weren'i diverted.

During World War II. President Franklin D. Roosevelt nixed even the suggestion that he should camouflage the White House and black out the

Outside 1651 Pennsylvania Avenue, on the stretch of street that no longer exists, is a plaque commemorating the heroism of

Clinton has stopped living on a street and begun living in a subtly fortified park.

Leslie Coffelt, "White House policeman who gave his life in defense of the President of the United States here at Blair House, Nov. 1, 1950." Terrorists armed with handguns had attacked the house where President Harry S. Truman was living while the White House was being renovated. Mr. Coffelts and one of the gunmen died in the firefight. Truman's response: No more public an-

nouncements of his daily walks. But terrorists do not just pack guns anymore.

The bipartisan review of White House security seemed to take it for granted that sooner or later a truck bomber would pay a visit to 1600 Pennsylvania, and bystanders would sure-Even Mr. Clinton's rivals did

not disagree with his conclusion. The Senate majority Leader and would-be president, Bob Dole. Republican of Kansas. said Mr. Clinton "did the right "America's Main Street," it thing" and added: "There

The House speaker. News Gingrich. Republican of Georgia, expressed misgivings but. once it was done, did not object.

Instead, Mr. Gingrich mentioned the really frightening thought lingering in a lot of minds as the president's street was closed. "The thing that is sad about this is, when something bad happens, it will hap-pen in a way we haven't thought of," Mr. Gingrich told CNN. In other words, the bad guys will be "forced to be slightly more creative."

Folks who say the federal government is terminally slow and unwieldy have not seen the Secret Service in action. At 5 A.M., the first traffic was diverted. By 9 A.M., gray con-crete barriers blocked the ave-nue where some three dozen newly inaugurated presidents have paraded, and the victorious Grand Army of the Repub-lic, the heroes of the world wars and the bodies of beloved presidents Lincoln. Roosevelt and

Kennedy. By 11 A.M., the roadblocks had been decorated by huge concrete pots full of geraniums. which added a bit of life and color. Strollers added more color and tourists posed for snapshots in the center median strip.

Safer, quieter, lovelier - the pedestrian mall where the street used to be may turn out better in many respects, just as the president's advisory panel claimed in its report. But those factors were not decisive. Fear and menace and evil were the decisive factors; only they could change the age-old symbolism on the street where the

At noon, most of the work was done. Now and then a car on official business was allowed to weave through the barriers. but only after being inspected by a bomb-sniffing dog. Near-by, a crane dropped barriers around Lafavette Park. Not to vehicles, so was the park.

the city was, in a sense, being locked up with him. Lafayette Park, which has long been a



only was the street being sealed A Washington pedestrian strolling across the suddenly empty Pennsylvania Avenue.

Through the years, that square across the street from the White presidency. Depression-era vet- over a gulf of asphalt. Now the In the sunshine — as the park something had died.

And so, it was not just that erans camped out there, and op- park and the White House are was sealed off, one of her signs the president was being reponents of the war in Vietnam, closed up together in one big declared grimly: "Live by the moved from the city. A piece of and advocates for the homeless, bubble, crusted with concrete, bomb, die by the bomb." For more than a decade, Ellen Thomas has kept her anti-nu-House has been a place to con- clear vigil across Pennsylvania symbol of protest against the front power, to face it down Avenue from the White House. And it was hard not to feel that

In Washington, America took a step to live through an age of the mad truck bomber.

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TOPICS

At the Beep, Please Try To Be Original

A Washington Post columnist. Bob Levey, asked readers for funny answering

machine messages.

Some of the replies:

On a psychologist's phone: "Please emit verbal response at the auditory stimulus."

Antisocial: "We know who you are and why you are calling, so at the beep. hang up.

Suggestive (delivered in a throaty feminine voice): You know what I want. Give it to me."

Presidential (to the time of "Hail to the Chief"): "We known moons have been dis-are not in the Oval Office at covered during plane crossthis time. We will, to the best of our abilities, faithfully execute the task of calling you back, so help us God." And some actual exam-

Anne S. Knight, a fan of "Gone With the Wind," has had this on her machine for years, in a gently accented southern voice: "Please leave a message, and I'll call you back - tomorrow. After all, tomorrow is another

Brad Lund of Baltimore: This is the Lund residence. The answering machine is on vacation. This is the refrigerator speaking. State your message slowly and clearly. I'll write it down and stick it to myself with one of those little magnets."

Short Takes

Nobody who has entered the federal Witness Protection Program and faithfully followed the guidelines has ever been tracked down by vengeful defendants or their cohorts, according to a spokesman for the Federal Marshals Service.

The service has handled 6,439 witnesses and 8,079 of their family members since 1971. But some people go back to the scene of their old crimes and get gunned

If old neighborhoods are dangerous, so are old habits.

Joseph (The Animal) Barboza, who testified against a New England crime boss Joseph Patriarca, was bludgeoned to death in 1976 after using his new identity to start a second life of crime.

In an astronomical event that happens every 15 years. the rings of Saturn all but disappeared for 24 minutes

this week. Most of the world's big telescopes were trained on the planet to record the event, which allows astronomers to look for new moons. The phenomenon, known as a ring plane crossing, causes Saturn's distinctive rings to

be seen edge-on from Earth With the rings temporarily invisible because of the Earth-Saturn alignment, telescopes can pick out faint

objects near the planet. Thirteen of Saturn's 18 known moons have been dis-

Skylar Byrd, 15, a jur at Banneker High School the most academically rigorous in Washington, D.C., scored 1,600, the highest possible score, on her Schoastic Assessment Test.

Skylar, who is black, said, I opened the letter and saw the two 800s and I thought: This must be the possible score. Now where are my scores?' Then I started jumping up and down."
Skylar scored her 800s in

English and mathematics. A pupil can score 1,600 and still answer a few questions incorrectly. Skylar got three wrong.
She wants to study inter-

national relations and business at an Ivy League col-

Jay Leno, a television talkshow host, says in the cur-tent issue of TV Guide magazine that he provides jokes for, as well as about, President Bill Clinton.

A nonpartisan gagster, he has done the same for former President-Ronald Reagan and Senator Bob Dole. Mr. Leno wrote that no pay is involved.

He remarked, "Politics is just show business for ugly people.",

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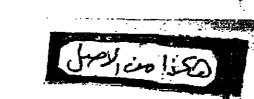
face-to-face with the people responsible for the Philippines' success. The Summit will be one of the most significant events in the Philippines this year. It presents a unique opportunity to understand and capture a share of the current and future achievements of the

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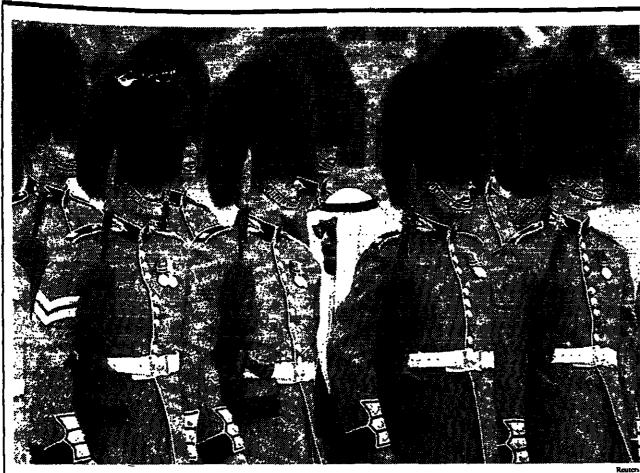
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HEADS UP - The emir of Kuwait striding through the welcoming ranks of Scots Guards in London on Tuesday.

George Will, Columnist, Omits Wife's Brief

By Howard Kurtz Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Last week in his syndicated column, George F. Will assailed the Clinton administration's proposed tariffs on Japanese luxury cars, calling them "trade-annihilating tariffs to coerce another government into coercing its automobile industry."

He repeated his criticism Sunday on the ABC News program "This Week With David Brinkley," calling the 100 percent tariffs "illegal" and "a subsidy for Mercedes dealerships

What Mr. Will did not mention is that his wife, Mari Maseng Will, is a registered foreign agent for the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association. Her firm, Maseng Communications, was paid \$198,721 last year to lobby for the industry. Mr. Will dismissed any suggestion of a

conflict. "I was for free trade long before I met my wife: end of discussion," he said on

Monday. There are people in Washington whose entire life consists of raising ques-Washington Post Writers Group. whose entire life consists of raising ques-tions. To me, it's beyond boring, I don't

understand the whole mentality. But several newspaper editors said Mr. Will should have disclosed his wife's lob-

"I'm very distressed," said Dennis A. Britton, editor of The Chicago Sun-Times. "That's one of those material facts an editor should know before placing a story in the paper. That's like a financial writer having a stake in a company he's writing about

Mr. Will did disclose on the Brinkley show last month that his wife was advising Senator Bob Dole in the Republican's presidential campaign and would become the campaign's communications director. Mr. Will, who mentioned that fact before questioning Mr. Dole, said he did so

"because ABC asked me to." Mr. Will is among the nation's most prominent conservative writers. He appears on the Brinkley show, opines in Newsweek and writes a newspaper column

Mrs. Will served as White House communications director and assistant secretary of transportation during the Reagan administration. The two were married in

According to Mrs. Will's Justice Department filings, her firm is paid \$200 an hour to deal with reporters, follow legislation, place advertising, issue press releases and draft op-ed pieces.

The firm has sought to arrange for the industry's top lobbyist in Washington to meet The Chicago Tribune's editorial board, tried to place an opinion piece in The Washington Times and drafted letters to The New York Times and the Detroit

Maseng Communications began representing the Japanese in 1992 and was paid \$47,422 the following year. Mrs. Will did not respond to a request for comment. Stephen Isaacs, associate dean of the iournalism school at Columbia University, said a spouse's employment "does matter."

SPIES: East Germans Cannot Be Prosecuted for Cold War Espionage

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Ministry, for example, told Reuters that about 700 East German espionage cases are under investigation and "it looks as if all cases could be dropped." Die Welt reported that a total of 6,347 espionage investigations are under way.

Mr. Welf, 72, issued an triumphant statement tempered with the caution of a man who spent three decades matching

"For some of the 6,000 people being prosecuted, it ends a long period of uncertainty, defamation and punishment. But only for some of them," Mr. Wolf de-

"My own experience with federal prosecutors who are obsessed with hunting and

added. "Some have already said clearly victed in December 1993, he asked the that the hunt would continue on the basis

In the shadowy spy world that charac-terized much of the Cold War in divided Germany, Mr. Wolf may have been the most cunning agent of them all. As a general in the Stasi secret police, he ran-East Germany's spy agency from 1958 to 1987, scoring a sequence of damaging and embarrassing coups against the West with his network of well-positioned "moles."

In 1991. Mr. Wolf voluntarily returned from exile in Moscow and turned his seven-month trial into a forum for questioning whether Bonn's prosecution of former East German officials was simply vindicpersecuting agents makes me cautious," he tive "victor's justice." Before being con-

court, "What country am I supposed to have betrayed?" He had remained free pending his appeal.

The court ruling also acknowledged Mr. Wolf's contention that his espionage activities were little different from those undertaken by his counterparts in the West, including Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, who previously served as head of Bonn's "Every state seeks to punish only the

spies of foreign powers while also conducting espionage and trying to protect its own spies," the court said. It added that Germany would still be acting as a "foreign power" if it prosecuted East German agents after unification.

RUSSIA: New Kremlin Elite Pursues Perks in Eerily Familiar Fashion

bases in the Kremlin, but it ran in the antiestablishment weekly Moscow News after it was turned down by his own newspaper. Vladimir Gusinsky, the banker and new media tycoon who owns Segodnya and who has a longstanding feud with Mr.

Yeltsin, considered publishing the series Though there is no official censorship anymore, newspaper owners and television executives are increasingly afraid of angering powerful government and business interests. After Mr. Yeltsin's personal security guard ordered a raid on Mr. Gusinsky's offices in December, he left the country and has been living in London. He says he

fears for his life. Perhaps the most vivid —and politically significant — example of the return of the old elite was the president's decision last month to create a new centrist party, led by Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin. Officially named "Our House - Russia," it was immediately dubbed "the Party of Power" by the press and other politi-

It is backed by tremendously wealthy banking and business interests and consists almost entirely of state bureaucrats and provincial governors and administrators, including many former Communists

and even some Politburo members. Its first meeting on May 12 in Moscow had a flavor of dejà vu, with Volga limousines snaking up the drive, turgid speeches and limited press access.

Unlike Mr. Yeltsin, Mr. Chernomyrdin was never a member of the Soviet Politburo, but he did head the gas industry under the old regime. Political analysts here say that Mr. Chernomyrdin's connections to that sector of the Russian economy nave made him a rich man and that they keep him closely allied with the essentially unchanged fieldoms in the provinces.

So Kremlinology, only recently dis-missed as an obsolete art form, is enjoying

"Now there is a return to old-style Soviet politics, with Yeltsin in the middle and four or five powerful groups around him," said Michael A. McFaul, a Moscow-based senior associate of the Carnegie Endow-ment for the Humanities. "We get hints of how it works, but we are not privy to the inner-workings the way we were two or three years ago.

Mr. Chernomyrdin's party was crafted to act as a centrist alternative to Communists a: Jultra-nationalists in December's parliamentary elections. Another party, selling them.)

left-of-center, also created with the Kremlin's blessing, is to be led by the speaker of the lower house of Parliament, Ivan Ryb-

But some find these new parties' symbiotic relationship with the government a bit troubling - a little too reminiscent of the days when the Communist Party ran the

"The introduction into the political arena of a two-party nomenklatura system would mark the decisive victory of the state over society," Vitaly Tretyakov, the editor of Nezavisimaya Gazeta, a liberal daily, wrote in an editorial.

The old Communist political apparatus is not all that is left of the Soviet system. The infamous Russian bureaucracy is, if anything, more bloated than ever. In 1982, when the population of the Soviet Union was twice that of Russia today, 84 ministries and state committees served the entire empire. Now 73 serve just Russia.

The newspaper Izvestia said Parliament was about to consider a bill to give the civil servants who toil in these ministries free transportation and pension raises, among other things.

And the gigantic network of special clinics and hospitals known as the "Fourth Department," which once catered to the Communist Party elite, still exists, though it has been renamed the Medical Center of the Presidential Administration. After the fall of communism, many of its facilities, including the prestigious Kremlin hospital, opened their doors to paying clients.

The government now wants to improve the facilities and return them to their original function — providing better care than is available to other Russians, free to cabinet officials, high-ranking bureaucrats, and members of Parliament and their families. The center plans to limit the percent-

age of paying customers to 25 percent. 'It would not be correct to put someone, let's say, of a not-very-stable social class, or a shady businessman, in the bed next to a government official," said Sergei Mironov, who was recently made deputy chief of management for the medical centers.

"We cannot admit just anybody who is willing to pay money." The budget of this special health bu-

reaucracy, then as now, is secret. A new food store opened this spring in a high-rise residential building in Mitino, in northeast Moscow, where many members of Parliament have received furnished, free apartments. (Some of these deputies have quietly privatized the apartments they

Only people with special passes or parliamentary identification cards are allowed to shop in the food store there. The Parliament has plans to open a deputies-only shopping center next to the market.

It was never much of a mystery why the Communist Party elite sent their drivers to Granovskovo Street to pick up their special grocery parcels every week. Delicacies were scarce in those days.

It is less clear why the new elite, many of whom have made plenty of money from suspected bribes or from brokering business deals, cannot buy their groceries at one of the many supermarkets in Moscow. But old habits of hierarchy and veiled behavior die hard.

"The old warriors have reappeared with their old customs and traditions," said Alla Gerber, a liberal deputy in Parliament. "They have their own views of how power should work."

The reformed and renamed KGB has reverted to at least one custom of old: this month, the hierarchical pecking order in its cafeteria service was restored. Tables, service, food and even flatware vary accord-

There is little press scrutiny or public outrage about the perks of power. Many Russians, fatalistic and cynical, expect nothing else. If anything, resentment has been muted by the fact that goods and services that were available in the old days only to the nomenklatura are now accessible to ordinary citizens, provided they can afford them.

But Izvestia recently published a detailed story asserting that Mr. Rybkin, the speaker of the lower house, bought patio furniture for his dacha while on an official trip to Washington and transported it back to Moscow on the plane provided to him by the government.

The newspaper reported that Mr. Rybkin, his plane weighed down with personal plunder, refused to transport a shipment of American humanitarian aid for needy Russian children that the Russian Embassy had asked him to bring home.

Mr. Rybkin denied he had bought patio furniture for his dacha, saying that his cargo was entirely made up of office supplies for the Parliament. But he conceded that he had refused to carry the aid.

Few of his colleagues were shocked. "It's typical Soviet-style behavior," Boris Fyodorov, a former finance minister who now leads a pro-business faction in Parliament. were allotted by the state by renting or said with a shrug. "The only surprising thing is that he got caught."

Serb Leader Rejects Recognizing Bosnia

WASHINGTON - President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia has turned down a U.S. proposal that would have suspended economic sanctions against his country in exchange for his recognition of Bosnia and Croatia, Clinton administration officials said Tuesday.

"The talks floundered on a central point: Serbia is insisting on a lifting of the sanctions," said Nicholas Burns, the State Department spokesman.

But the sanctions cannot be lifted until Bosnian Serbs accept a proposal for negotiating a settlement of the war in the former Yugoslav republic, Mr. Burus de-

As a result, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher summoned home Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Robert Frasure after a weeklong effort in Belgrade designed to undercut Bosnia's Serbs and to force them to negotiate a settlement with the Muslim-led government established in

"We hit a wall," a U.S. official said as Mr. Frasure flew to Washington with still another rejection from Mr. Milosevic, whose assistance to Bosnia's Serbs has fueled their war against Muslims and

Mr. Milosevic declined to accept a suspension of sanctions in return for recognition of Bosnia and Croatia.

Accepting the two former Yugoslav republics as independent states would have been a blow to Bosnia's Serbs and their

aspiration for a Greater Serbia. The official said that the Clinton administration was now at a loss for what to try

Britain, Russia, France and Germany had joined with the United States in making the proposal.

According to a report from Moscow by the Itar-Tass press agency. Alexander Zotov, a special envoy of President Boris N. Yeltsin's, will go to Belgrade on Wednes-day to hold talks with the Serbian leader-

FALTER: Economic Recovery Appears to be Slipping

ly lowered its forecasts of German GDP, saving the economy is expected to grow just 2.6 percent next year, compared with its earlier prediction of a 3.4 percent growth rate.

● In April, Western German unemployment rose by 13,000 workers, for an joblessness rate of 8.2 percent, after having fallen for several months. In all of Germany, 3.6 million members of the work force were without

 Also last month, the country's biggest department stores reported that sales in the first four months were 4.6 percent below year-earlier levels.

 German companies invested 56.7 billion DM abroad in 1992 and 1993 while foreign companies invested only 10.8 billion DM in Germany, the Bundesbank reported.

 Industrial production has fallen a seasonally adjusted 6.9 percent from December, the Economics Ministry reported last week. But it warned that its figures were unreliable and should not be taken seriously.

One of the main reasons the economy is expected to lose steam is sluggish consumer spending the last link in the classical pattern of a German recovery that begins with rising exports, flows into higher investment spending by businesses and is eventually passed on to the country's workers.

German exports continue to run strong, but the appreciation of the Deutsche mark against the dollar and other currencies has begun to cut in, and will erode the corporate profits that

"The mark's rise will certainly put a brake on capital spend-ing," said Mr. Issing, noting that 80 percent of German ex-In its latest annual report, the ports are transacted in marks.

Critics say the German government, meanwhile, has been agonizingly slow to change, a situation that will probably be complicated by last week's election gains by the Greens, which upset mainstream majorities. Economists rattled off a lit-

any of overdue reforms that add to a sense of insecurity regarding Germany's economic future: deregulation, cutting Europe's highest tax and social security burden, restructuring pensions, privatization and making the labor market more

"Whether people want to hear it or not, Germany has lost its appeal to business," said Hans-Olaf Henkel, a former chairman of IBM-Germany. Industry. "A lot of good jobs will wander abroad because ble enough, added to damned long bureaucratic delays and

Germany's biggest immediate problem is bringing down unemployment, which has emerged as a major limiting fac- next five years, economists at tor in its economic perfor-

high taxes."

extra million unemployed after every recession, that's clear, said Mr. Issing, singling out the about 2 percent by 1999 despite German government, unions average growth of about 7.5 are needed to pay for invest-ments in capital goods to keep for creating a labor market that and major industrial employers percent a year in Eastern Ger-

German businesses competi- guarantees relative stability in good times but leaves society holding the bill for expensive

> In its latest annual report, the Bundesbank sharply attacked the country's "social partners" for a lack of pragmatism and said structural problems are the main causes of the country's high unemployment.

"Low pay or no pay belongs in the discussion," said Mr. Issing. While he is no fan of subsistence-level employment that U.S. economists have dubbed McJobs, he noted that the United States "has succeeded in preventing the number of unem-ployed from ratcheting upward," which may be the esser of two evils.

The Ifo economics research institute in Munich recently predicted the number of industial jobs in Western Germany would fall another 3 percent who recently became president this year after shrinking 6 perof the Federation of German cent last year. All in all, the number of industrial jobs in Western Germany will shrink costs here are too high and an average 1.3 percent a year working schedules aren't flexifor the next five years. If o estimated.

> This year, economists expect the economy to create a meager 110,000 new jobs.

In a forecast covering the Bayerische Hypotheken- und Wechsel-Bank AG in Munich "We can't keep picking up an predicted German economic growth would slow from about 3 percent or less this year to

Neo-Nazi Leader In German Prison

The Associated Press BERLIN - A 47-year-old neo-Nazi leader was sentenced Tuesday to 3 and a half years in prison for illegal weapons pos-

ssion and other charges. The Berlin criminal court described the neo-Nazi, Arnuli Priem, as a dangerous extrem-

"If this man came to power, our free democratic order

would be destroyed," the court Mr. Priem was arrested in August when the police raided his apartment, where more than 20 neo-Nazis were meeting. Guns, ammunition, firebombs and racist propaganda were

confiscated. Mr. Priem, leader of the banned German Alternative group, was one of the more outrageous figures on Germany's rightist fringe. On occasion, he threw rocks at protesters.

Hearing on Neo-Nazi Postponed in Denmark

COPENHAGEN - A Danish court postponed a hearing Tuesday at which it was to consider an appeal by an American neo-Nazi to halt Denmark's effort to extradite him to Germany to face charges of inciting racial hatred.

The neo-Nazi, Gary Lauck, has been charged in Germany for inciting racial hatred and spreading Nazi propaganda through his organization in Lincoln, Nebraska.

CUBA: Nation Backing Off the Cherished Guarantee of Full Employment

economic equality. That, ac-

haltingly. "The response of the revolution has been extreme caution in the market process, and some of us wish it were going faster." said Gerardo González, an economic analyst at the government-subsidized Center for Study of the Americas. "We lived for 30 years with the expectations of equality and so-cial justice, which will be a great

challenge to meet." Senior Cuban officials insist that Cuba is not going capital-

should go is still under debate in repair work, such as plumb- recent months — largely be-

measures to achieve greater efficiency in our economy," Carlos Lage, in charge of economic we are not, however, an economy in transition, nor are our people or our party in transition toward capitalism. We will take the measures that are necessary, but we will never make a single

concession." Most of the self-employed handicrafts — from shoes to

employment. Carlos Solchaga, a former fireform, said in a speech. "But often advises the Cuban gov-Cuba must carry out "structural ployment or jeopardize its over-

cording to diplomats and analysts, is why the economic program has gone forward process of transformations and process of tr

nance minister in Spain who ernment, warned in a recent article in the Spanish magazine Actualidad Economica that nounce on the one hand the reforms" far beyond self-emall efforts.

Mr. Solchaga and other econpaintings, which they sell at work through self-employment, ployment.

ist, but that just how far it markets around Havana - or the absorption had stagnated in

enhance social stability, he ar gued, the government must allow the formation of local companies, with private labor contracts. "The state would have to re-

practically total socialization of the means of production, and, on the other, its monopoly on the hiring of employees."

Mr. Alarcón said that ex- ? now are engaged in making omists here said that after panding self-employment was 160,000 Cubans quickly found the "logical solution" to unem-

CHINA: Demands U.S. Withdraw Permission for Taiwan President's Visit

Continued from Page 1 Chinese Foreign Ministry statement said, adding, "In that case, the U.S. administra-

tion should bear all the consequences.' In a day of bitter recriminations prominently displayed in Chinese newspapers, radio and television news programs, Communist Party leaders accused the Clinton administration of duplicity and perfidy.

"It is precisely under the disguise of 'unofficial' or 'private' visits that Lee Teng-hui has traveled here and there in recent years in pursuit of so-called 'vacation diplomacy and stop-over diplomacy in an attempt to create 'two Chinas' or 'one China, one Taiwan' on the international scene." the Chinese statement said.

Referring to Congress, which voted overwhelmingly to support President Lee's request to attend the reunion, the Chinese statement said, "Let there be no doubt about this: if the U.S. Administration succumbs to pressure of some pro-Taiwan elements in total disregard of the feelings of the 1.2 billion Chinese people and in-fringes upon the fundamental rights and

interests of China, Sino-U.S. relations can Senators Elated by Move

In Taipei, President Lee's office said of the Clinton administration decision. "This is very good news both for the improvement of traditional relations between the Republic of China and the United States, and for the expansion of peoples' friend-

Mr. Lee's visit to the United States will

dent Clinton has made four visits to Taiwan, but has never visited mainland China, and has not invited China's president. Jiang Zemin, to Washington. Japan, which has followed Washington closely in normalizing relations with China

over the last two decades, said Tuesday that it would not change its policy of maintaining only nongovernmental ties with Taiwan. Japan will be the host of a summit meeting of Asian Pacific leaders later this year and already Taiwan officials have been

Senators are applauding President Clinton's decision to extend Mr. Lee a visa. The Associated Press reported from Washington. "This is something we've all worked long and hard to bring about," Senator

Frank Murkowski, Republican of Alaska.

said Monday after the State Department

cleared the way for Mr. Lee to give a be the first by a Taiwan president. Presispeech at his alma mater in June. Earlier this month, the Senate approved. 97-1, a resolution urging that the visa be granted. The House voted 396-0 for a simi-

> Senators at a news conference emphasized that the United States still has a "one China" policy.

But Paul Simon, Democrat of Illinob said allowing Mr. Lee into the United States was "a step in a better direction with

the People's Republic of China." "I want to maintain good relations, but our policy shouldn't be dictated by anoth. er country," he said.

FRANCE: Prime Minister Vows Immediate Increase in Minimum Wage

maneuvering to send a vice prime minister

who also holds a nongovernmental post to

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to encourage job creation. Mr. Juppe's speech emphasized the prospect of faster growth through stimulus for business, including tax breaks and inducements for creating new posts for the jobless and a

cutback in government red tape. Pledging to maintain the value of the French franc, Mr. Juppé indicated that strong growth could enable France to absorb social tensions and reduce government debt, enabling the country to stay on course for European integration and re-

main competitive. Along with these echos of Reagan-style economics, Mr. Juppe pledged stepped-up assistance to families with children — in effect, a family program aimed at easing the social problems that have come to be known in France as "exclusion." Mr. Juppé also called for an end to

government interference in wage negotia-

tions with private employers. In practice,

France's large public sector often sets the

pace on pay for the whole economy.

Mr. Juppé pledged a major attempt to modernize schools to make French education more job-oriented - an idea that brought disaster to previous governments.

Opposition Socialists attacked Mr. Juppe as giving too much to employers,

but the French industrialists' association

praised the package. His maiden speech as prime minister was a credibility test for the new government and an event that brought Mr. Juppe center stage as an heir apparent of French conservatism.

The Chirac campaign benefited strongly from Mr. Juppe's reputation as a talented foreign minister --- who handled tense trade issues and the intractable problems of Bosnia - and a reliable figure whose presence helped allay fears that Mr. Chirac might relax France's economic rigor and communent to European integration.

Mr. Juppe has a reputation for not ducking challenges. "The Juppé era" is a phrase in vogue in Paris to describe the emergence of a new generation of French politicians.

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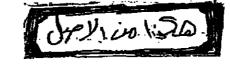
Of their elders, only Mr. Chirac remain. largely thanks to help from Mr. Juppe Now he has to keep an eye out for Philippe Seguin, the parliamentary speaker and he main rival for party leadership, who argues that France should break more radically with the economic approach advocated h

On the other hand, Economics Minuter Alain Madelin is a more radical free mar. keteer than his mentor, former president Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

Mr. Juppé, 49, has a reputation for inici. lect and loyalty that earned him pract "the best of his generation" from his men. tor, Mr. Chirac.

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Kodak's Trade Complaint

will proliferate. The dispute over automobiles has become a major political issue in both countries. Now Eastman Kodak Co. has petitioned the U.S. government to intervene against the treatment that it is getting in Japanese markets. The automo-bile companies' case is not overwhelmingly strong. But Kodak's complaint is a classic example, in its starkest form, of the American objection to Japanese practices.

Kodak charges that it is the victim of anti-competitive tactics encouraged by the Japanese government. The effect, according to Kodak, is to create an enormously profitable home market for its rival, Fuji Photo Film, enabling Fuji to sell at low prices abroad and expand its market share there. Japanese import restrictions on photographic film and paper were weakened in the early 1970s as a result of trade negotiations, and Kodak's sales there rose smartly. In response, again according to Kodak, its competitor — with the government's support -established control over the distribution system and cut off Kodak's access to many retailers. Kodak wants the U.S. government to make Japan enforce its own antitrust laws.

This claim creates difficult choices for

With the U.S. trade deficit rising, it is inevitable that trade quarrels with Japan like to push Japan to a settlement of the like to push Japan to a settlement of the auto case, which is more important because of the size of the industry involved and the number of jobs, and celebrate a victory. But now it has to deal with another series of accusations that go profoundly into the ways that the Japanese have organized not only their economy but their society.

The Japanese object bitterly to what they see as constant bullying and harassment by the Americans on trade issues. But the Clinton administration and a lot of American companies have concluded that constant pressure, litigation and political intervention are the only tactics that have any effect at all on Japan.

These trade disputes are particularly difficult to resolve because they arise from deeply rooted national habits on both sides and, among other things, the differences in ideas about fairness and competition in the two societies. It remains to be seen whether the political and military alliance between the two countries can survive the constant pounding from this series of trade collisions over principles that both countries increasingly regard as vital.

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Time to Recognize Vietnam

Three Decades of Service

We are trying to recall a moment in the bitterness over such things. He came back

past several decades when someone or to serve as head of the Clinton advisory

mad at Les Aspin. And we come up emp- allegedly fired - imprecision, inability to

ty. That is because the former defense manage the huge defense establishment

other — or this political group or that group reviewing national intelligence.

North Vietnamese Communists won the Vietnam War, but Washington has yet to extend full diplomatic relations to Hanoi. With specialists satisfied that Vietnam is cooperating fully in the search for remains of missing Americans, President Bill Clinton should take the advice of top aides and recognize Vietnam before 1996 election pressures

encourage further delay.

The main obstacle has been manipulation of the prisoner-of-war issue by Republican politicians, beginning with Richard Nixon at the time of the Paris peace accords. Last week two presidential aspirants, Phil Gramm and Bob Dole, joined Senator Robert Smith to propose legislation instructing the president not to normalize relations until Vietnam fully discloses all information about the 1,619 Americans still listed

as missing in action. That is a condition that is never likely to be met. The vast majority of names on the missing list represent probable combat fatalities in which no body was ever recovered. Vietnam today is doing all that can

party wing or the other lobby - wasn't

secretary and chairman of the House

Armed Services Committee, who died of

a stroke at the age of 56 on Sunday, was

above all a man engaged in the most

important, high-stakes issues of his time.

From his days as a college academic

star and then a Defense Department whiz

kid, as an internal government Vietnam

War critic, a teacher and, for 22 years,

Les Aspin never lost either his capacity to

master the most complicated issues of

public policy or his frankly kid-like, ebul-

lient enthusiasm for trying to resolve

them. He was also a politician, and gener-

Some of the problems that Mr. Aspin

had, especially on Capitol Hill, were the all

but inevitable lot of anyone trying to navi-

gate the shoals of military defense policy

in a (then) majority Democratic Party that

was bitterly and irreconcilably divided be-

tween hawks and doves. His own inclina-

tions evolved from the more dovish to the

As Bill Clinton's first defense secre-

tary, Mr. Aspin had the equally challeng-

ing job of trying to reconcile Pentagon thinking with Democratic Party thinking

in the matter of Mr. Clinton's proposals

for altering the status of homosexuals in

the military. His most notable accom-

plishment as secretary was the review of

Pentagon budgeting and procurement

procedures that he worked up in his 11 months there. His most notable public

stand was that taken — rightly, in our

view — in support of President George

Bush's policy on Kuwait at a time when

so many other Democratic Party leaders

pushed out of the Defense Department

by Mr. Clinton and the other rivalrous

members of Mr. Clinton's national secu-

rity tearn. But the thing about the former

defense secretary was that he couldn't

stay humiliated or give vent to personal

Mr. Aspin was humiliated by being

in Congress were in doubt or in flight.

ally a pretty successful one.

more hawkish over the years.

a member of Congress from Wisconsin,

Twenty years have passed since the be expected of it in the search for American remains. Senator John McCain, himself a Vietnam prisoner of war for five years, concurs with this view and urges the Clinton administration to normalize ties (see opposite page).

Vietnam, with more than 70 million people, has been pursuing market re-form policies since the late 1980s and is now one of Asia's hottest markets for investment and trade. Delaying diplomatic relations keeps American businesses at a disadvantage compared with their European and Asian rivals. Vietnam also serves as a potential strategic counterweight against an increasingly unpredictable China.

Normalization would have been politically easier for George Bush, a decorated World War II veteran who served on the Nixon administration's national security team. Instead, Mr. Bush laid out a "road map" of steps for Vietnam to follow to win recognition. According to Mr. McCain, among others, Vietnam has now substantially met all of Mr. Bush's tests.

The faults for which Mr. Aspin was

and slowness in coming to clear-cut action

decisions - were presumably real. Such

defects would certainly go with the general

makeup of the man: intellectually restless.

always turning the thing over and over in

his mind, more given to trying to imagine

and grasp all the aspects of a problem than

But you need only read the recently

published confessional book by Mr. As-

pin's predecessor and onetime employ-

er, Robert McNamara, to understand,

as well, that an opposite, superefficient

turn of mind is not exactly the key to

defense policy salvation. Maybe Les As-

pin was the wrong man for his months in

the Clinton cubinet. The same cannot in

any respect be said of his roughly three

Other Comment

The Clinton policy on Cuba represents

a sharp, shocking departure from the U.S.

tradition of offering political asylum to refugees from Fidel Castro's extremely re-

pressive, utterly unreformed dictatorship. When the U.S. intercepts and returns Cu-

ban refugees, the U.S. Coast Guard makes

itself an arm of Fidel's tyranny. The ad-

ministration made no demands and se-

cured no concessions for providing Fidel

Castro the services of the U.S. Coast

Guard to enforce Cuba's laws. It made no

arrangements for monitoring the fate of

those refugees forcibly returned. The U.S.

repressive elements in Cuba's government.

Alas. The president should not make

agreements which violate fundamental

writing in a syndicated column.

- Jeane Kirkpatrick,

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Bring Back the Days of Frugality

TONDON — The U.S. national debt is \$4.7 trillion and increasing by \$38,158 every four seconds, as a clock posted in the House Budget Committee hearing room reminds us.

On Thursday, the House approved a proposal to balance the budget by the year 2002. The Senate is scheduled to vote on its own plan this week. But whatever compromise plan emerges, even if made law, will not necessarily balance the budget. It will only set spending goals. Congress can ignore those goals just as it did those set by the deficit-reduction bills passed in the mid-1980s.

Meanwhile, the debt mounts, and no one, it seems, has a longterm proposal to get rid of it altogether. The burden the country will almost certainly lay on the shoulders of its children in the 21st century is disgraceful.

Americans are historically hard-working and provident, and rightly proud that they live in the world's most powerful democracy and its oldest republic. So how did they get into this mess?

By Paul Johnson

It is comparatively recent. The United States has a long record of sound public finance, ever since Alexander Hamilton took over the Treasury in 1789 and introduced fiscal realism, balancing the budget for the first time.

In 1835, President Andrew Jackson actually contrived to eliminate the debt altogether. Thereafter the debt fluctuated, as is reasonable, according to the emergencies through which the nation passed.

The Civil War, World War I. the Great Depression and World War II all led to large-scale in-creases in the public debt. But the calms that followed these storms all saw it systematically reduced. During the last period of debt reduction, 1946 to 1975, it was cut

by half. Then an odd and smister thing happened. With no emergency or world war or even a deep recession, the debt began to rise At the beginning of Ronald Reagan's presidency, it had reached \$914 billion. On his retirement, it was \$3 trillion ...

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Today the debt is closing in on \$5 trillion, so it is not surprising that the dollar is at a historic low against the yen and the Deutsche mark. Indeed, it could be argued that the dollar's reputation is more fragile now than at any time

since the 1780s. The reasons are not far to seek: huge increases in government employees (well over 20 percent of the work (orce) and in unfunded long-term liabilities (over \$15 triltion), and, not least, a colossal commitment to transfer payments (\$300 billion for poverty

relief alone this year).

The United States is running the most costly welfare state in history, as well as acting - reluctantly and not consistently but certainly expensively - as the world's policeman.

Even to eliminate the deficit, let alone reduce the debt, federal spending will have to be fundamentally reformed. This will mean, among other things, ending the welfare state as it exists today.

But if at the same time taxes are to be reduced - at between 35 percent and 40 percent of personal income they are a serious brake on economic dynamism -then the cuts must be not only deep but abiquitous.

The government must go from being a prodigal to a frugal — better yet, a strigy — spender.

That is by no means impossible. For the reform to become reality, however, there are three

political prerequisites.

The first is sufficient congressional support. That has been achieved. For the first time in 40 years - longer than the U.S. welfare state has existed in fully developed form - the Scrooges have taken over from the Micawbers.

There appears to be a majority in both the House and Senate for some sort of balanced-budget strategy, and the momentum for reform appears to be growing.

The second prerequisite is a popular consensus. Every sign indicates that there is one. The nation appears to be in the mood to do the right thing; even if it means sacrifices. When asked to choose between a tax cut and balancing

the budget, a majority and palancing the budget, a majority and security poll chose the budget.

Congress is ready, for reform. So are the people But history shows that neither means much without a dedicated leader.

Normally, other would expect such leadership to come from the provident. In the next, the White

president. In the past, the White House has shown a much greater concern for financial probity then Capitol Hill.
When Congress passed Resident Bill Clinton's deficit-reduc-

tion package during his first year in office, it did so with hardly a vote to spare in both houses. But Mr. Clinton is not a leader, snaded that it is in his interest to be an energetic follower. No.

Teadership will have to come

from the speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich. Here is Mr. Gingnich's opportunity to transform himself from a successful gadfly into a political heavyweight. It may be necessary for him to bite the bullet and give up or put off his cherished plan for tax cuts, as the Senate has done.

In any event, he should take up the challenge and lead the movement to transform America into a model of frugality.

The world needs such an example. All over the Third World, progress is held back by the unwillingness of governments to balance their books, even under pressure from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

The ascent of the former Communist world to freedom and prosperity is imperiled by precisely the same vice.

Even in Europe, which ought to know better, a dozen governments are piling up deficits and debts for fear of voters who in fact are desperate for thrifty leaders.

The United States would add immeasurably to the moral debt the world already owes it if Washington could take the lead in bringing us all back to good oldfashioned providence.

Mr. Johnson, author most recently of "Modern Times: The World From the Twenties to the Nineties," is at work on a new book, "A History of the United States People," He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Japan as Jackal PARIS -[The Herald says in an

semblance of imperial Russian presence and control in a region

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Iranian type and the milder Turk-

The writer, an ABC News corre-

spondent and author based in Cv-

prus, specializes in the Middle East. He contributed this comment to the

International Herald Tribune.

ish variety is on the march.

editorial:) The story of the lion and the jackals is being performed in the Far East. Japan has fought hardly for its prey; and now come the great hous to take away from the little fellow his rightful due, accompanying the process with displays of fangs in-termixed with fawning and flattery. No wonder they have terrified the little animal. He will give up the choicest bone — even Port, Arthur. If we are to take precedents from ferae naturae it is fairy safe to predict that territorial compensations" may bother the peace of the world for some time-

1920: Resolute Mishap

NEW YORK - While engaged in the first of a series of trial races. with the Vanitie for the honor of defending the America's Cup

solute's mast suddenly broke, nocessitating her being towed to dock to have another one stepped. The accident occurred at the end of the first round, when the Resolute, first over the starting-line by a few seconds, had increased her lead to about a minute.

against the Shannock IV, the Re-

urb of Shinagawa was set aflame early today [May 24] by more than 550 B29s, the largest bomber force ever dispatched from the growing Marianas bases. The SuperForts dropped a record cargo of 45,000 tons of incendiaries as they streamed over the target area. The attack on the suburb was the twenty-third launched at the Japanese capital and environs since B29s began their spectacular long range assaults from Saipan on Nov. 24.

Both Sides See Room to Trim 'Corporate Welfare'

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — Now that President Bill Clinton and his aides finally have signaled their willingness to negotiate with congressional Republicans on the federal budget, the stage is set for needed action to reduce the delicit and establish priorities for federal spending. An important part of that process will be to slice the wasteful business subsidies that make up what has been called

corporate welfare." Neither the original Chinton budget nor the House and Senate Republican budget now being enacted would curb this spending adequately. Interest groups that receive the subsidies have been mobilized to keep them flowing. But an attack on corporate welfare ought to be the starting point when the Clinton administration and Congress get down to serious

discussions later this summer. Mr. Clinton has been having fun with the Republicans, watching them struggle with their pledge to balance the budget by 2002. He has attacked their controversial prescriptions for savings in Medicare, education and low-income assistance, while refusing to suggest any measures of his own to eliminate future deficits.

But he said last weekend that once Congress approves the Republican budget resolution he will offer a "counterbudget" that will eliminate the deficit "in less than 10 years" and then "negoti-ate with them in good faith." Trimming billions of dollars of

corporate subsidies is the one major step on which experts in liberal and conservative think tanks agree. All it takes is political leadership, and a degree of bipartisanship, for it to happen. In the administration, Labor Secretary Robert Reich has been

the strongest voice for curbing corporate welfare. But little of his thinking was reflected in the budget Mr. Clinton submitted earlier this year. Among congressional Republicans, John Kasich of Ohio, the House Budget Committee chairman, has been the most outspoken in promising that Republican donors and Fortune 500 fat cats would not be spared in the economy moves. But he was blocked by conservative elders from doing some of the major things he hoped to do.

The convergence of views on this issue among courageous people on the political left and right is most conspicuous in the thinktank world. Ralph Nader's Public Citizen organization, the liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the libertarian conservative Cato Institute all agree on the need to cut corporate welfare. Cato has listed 129 programs totaking \$87 billion a year that fatten the treasuries of private industry. They range from export promo-tion funds for giant food processors to transportation and interestrate subsidies for manufacturers and utilities and the underwriting of recreation programs for workers in defense industries.

The think tanks have been joined in this battle by the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, which served as a launching pad for Mr. Clinton's presidential candidacy. Its chief economist, Rob Shapiro, promotes a strategy he calls "cut and invest": trim the special-interest subsidies, he says, and invest the savings in deficit reduction and in programs to produce a better-educated, more skilled work force.

All that is needed to make "cut and invest" a political reality is

leadership from the White House and Capitol Hill. The budget cutters could start in almost any department of government. The Cato report says that "every major cabinet department, including the Defense Department, has become a conduit for government funding of private industry. Within some cabinet agencies, such as the De-partment of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce, almost every spending program under-writes private businesses." The direct subsidies are small

potatoes compared to the specialinterest tax loopholes remaining in the Internal Revenue Service code. Mr. Kasich had targeted \$25 billion of them for closing — until other Republican leaders told him he was threatening to step on toes they had promised to protect.

There are deals here that are just begging to be shut down. The rewards go beyond the billions that could be put to better use. A bipartisan attack on corporate welfare could be a major step toward curing the cynical view that the big boys always win and the most vulnerable Americans always lose when Washington swings its economy ax.

The Washington Post.

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The Christian Coalition? Read Between the Lines

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON — Pat Robertson probably smiles in his sleep. I am less certain about Ralph Reed, the executive director of the Christian Coalition, which for religious leaders to take. They are suppos-Mr. Robertson founded. Actually, they should both be laughing. In seven years, they have managed to convert a once-menacing religious-based movement into an institution that, if not as American as cherry pie, is at least as harmless.

Such is the impression you would get from reading the Christian Coalition's "Contract with the American Family." Superficially, it is an innocuous document, just 30 pages long and so reasonable that only an atheist could take offense. It does not call for the abolition of abortion. It is silent about gays, either in the military or as married couples, and when it comes to pornography it wants it only away from children off the Internet and cable television. It does call for a constitutional amendment to restore school prayer, but only on a voluntary basis. Who could argue?

Well, of all people, Patrick Buchanan does: he finds the agenda timid. Among other things, he wants a constitutional amendment to ban abortion — and, one presumes, much, much more. But the Christian Coalition is a cagey outfit. It takes instruction from pollsters, as well as the Almighty, and it will not propose what its polls say the American people do not want. This is an odd position edly in the business of right and wrong -and supposed sins. A lesser sin, I take it, is obfuscation, saying one thing while hoping to do another. In this case, the Christian Coalition's leaders have cross-dressed as moderates, pretending to be what they are not. Mr.

the movement's heart, is not merely criticizing, he is beckoning: Follow me. For the moment, it won't work. The Christian Coalition is dead-set against religious conservatives endorsing any one Republican presidential candidate - not even Mr. Buchanan, whom it most adores. Mr. Reed sees an endorsement as politically ruinous, putting all the movement's eggs in one basket. He may be right. An endorsement of, say,

Buchanan, who knows precisely what is in

Mr. Buchanan, might liberate Bob Dole from his pose as a cultural conservative. The Christian Coalition is an oddly named outfit. As a coalition, it is narrowly based. Its proposed contract, for instance, was denounced by spokesmen representing Bap-tists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Quakers, Episcopalians, the United Church of Christ and others. They are appalled at the coali-

ic-relations terms that mask the truth — "voluntary prayer," for instance, when the prayer could be led by a teacher. To a little kid there is nothing voluntary about that. The most ominous part of the contract is contained in its introduction: "This contract is designed to be the first word, not

the last word, in developing a bold and incremental start to strengthening the family and restoring values." That is a hint of what the coalition intends: Give it an inchand it'll take a mile. The whole document is a shuck, a loss leader designed to draw you in. Anyone who has ever read Mr. Robertson knows that he is no respecter of the constitution's separation of church and state. He sees the two as one, and his followers know it. That explains Mr. Buchanan's criticism. He is not quibbling with where Mr. Robertson wants to go, only his timetable for getting there.

The contract is like Mr. Robertson's smile.

It masks a fervent, if not weird, view of the world. It pulls its punches, couches everything in the empty language of advertising and politics, never defines its terms (whose family is it talking about, anyway?) and never honestly says where it wants America to go. The Christian Coalition calls its document a contract, but people who care about religious liberty should see it as a threat.

Washington Post Writers Group.

Beyond Grozny, a Battle to Control Oil Export Routes

tion's attempt to use the power of govern-

ment in the cause of religion and they are

N ICOSIA, Cyprus — Dramatic television pictures of blazing oil refinery and storage tanks near Grozny, Chechnya's ruined capital, illustrate a prophecy by a Russian oil professional made bepolicy of helping police this police state fore President Bill Clinton's visit will surely give encouragement to the most to Moscow. "What President Boris Yeltsin will tell President Clinton," he predicted, "is that the 'police action against bandits' in Chechnya," is really part of a huge struggle over energy in the Caucasus, Caspian Sea and Central Asian regions.

When the savage fighting in Chechnya began in December. few people realized this.

Now, Grozny is recognized as one of the most critical points in Russia's battle with Iran and Turkey to control the all-important export routes toward the West for the energy reserves in and near former Soviet republics: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan.

The Russian-Chechen war is disrupting both present oil operations and future plans for energy exports through pipelines. Their paths run through the Northern Caucasus to the Russian port of Novorossisk on the Black Sea.

Turkey, the other main Black Sea power, is reaching out for trade, power and influence in the former Soviet republics inhabited by ethnic Turkic peoples in South and Central Asia. Many of these nations control vast energy wealth. Tankers loading oil at Russian Black Sea ports have to pass

By John K. Cooley

through the Turkish-controlled Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits to reach the Mediterranean and Western oil markets. The Turkish government, fear-ing tanker accidents, oil spillage

tions limit tonnages and impose strict security rules. Partly to boost its construction business and augment its transit revenues. Turkey is lobbying for a different oil route. Ankara wants

ish Mediterranean coast. strategists do not want Iran, the target of a draconian U.S. economic embargo, to benefit from pipeline use and revenues. And Russia worries about losing transit

Iran, for its part, favors a pipeline route that would bypass Chechnya and the rest of the turbulent Caucasus. This idea, advanced by Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan, is for a relatively short oil link from the eastern Caspian region south through Iran to Irani-

and blockage of the straits, is not making this easy. New regula-

to build two long pipelines from Azerbaijan and Central Asia. through Iran and Turkey, ending at tanker terminals on the Turk-But Clinton administration

fees and having its Black Sea tanker fleet idled.

an oil terminals on the Gulf.

Some oil professionals, to avoid Iranian territory, would build an oil conduit through Russian territory around the Caspian Sea, ending at the Russian Black Sea coast

though this would mean using the Turkish straits.

The Russian government of Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, himself an oil expert, has joined with two other countries that are adversaries of Turkey and no special friends of Iran: Greece and Bulgaria. The technocrats of Moscow. Athens and Sofia are completing work on a new export route: Central Asian oil would be shipped to Russia's Black Sea ports of Tuapse and Novorossisk then across the Black Sea to the Bulgarian port of Burgas, From Burgas, a pipeline barely 200 miles long (320 kilometers) would pump the oil to the Greek port of Alexandroupolis on the Aegean Sea. This would take Turkey and Iran out of the oil game.

Whereas the main pipeline projected to cross Turkey would be about 1,200 miles long and cost \$6 billion to \$7 billion to build. Greek sources say the Greek-Bulgarian solution would cost only \$800 million. The Bulgarian-Greek route

holds considerable appeal for President Yeltsin's Moscow technocrats, and the Western oilmen doing business with them. It would cut expenses and remove exposure to the ongoing Caucasus and South Asian wars.

It also would help Orthodox Russia, working with two likeminded, congenial neighbors, Bulgaria and Greece, to keep at least a -1945: Tokio in Flames

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Still Time to Save Them From the Prison Planes

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — On May their minds — thus no longer refugees, you see. burg, sailing for Havana. On human rights subcommittee, is gees, all carrying landing cer-tificates for Cuba.

When the ship arrived, the pro-Fascisi Cuban government would not let them land. For nine days, the St. Louis circled off Havana and Florida. On June 5, Cuba said the shown how callous it can be refugees could go ashore, if they posted a total of \$453,000, within a deliberately impossi-

The United States refused to allow the passengers onto bassy in Bangkok. He said they American soil. On June 6 the ship headed back to Europe. Since then, the United States

The U.S. State Department has shown how callous it can be when it tries.

has given refuge to millions from many parts of the world. They gave America their muscle and brain, and love.

Now the United States is seized with a fear of compassion, a surrender to the political campaign against immigrants. Fifty-six springs after the St. Louis, the country is not only. turning away many refugees it would have welcomed not long spiring partner in forcing them back to countries they fled — most recently Cuba, Vietnam murdered soon enough. But of course the Germans did that, not fought on America's side - the United States has become the ship back to hell

To make the deal with Fidel Castro to send back all Cubans picked up at sea, the Clinton administration had to work in utter stealth, for fear the operation would be discovered. Neither U.S. diplomats responsible for Cuban relations, Congress nor the press found out until the clandestine deed was done, by four or five American officials, good men otherwise.

But about the Vietnamese and Laotians, we Americans will never be able to say we did not know; 47,000 of them have been in detention camps in Hong of life for many Cambodians. Kong, Thailand and other Assaul How can we dismiss some of the

carried there in shacing if need ing gulf between rich and poor be by the United Nations, with and the sudden explosion of America's money and collaboration, the propaganda of American anti-immigrant groups, and the distaste of their hosts for extended visits by other Asians, those with much courage but no money.

Soon Congress will vote on a measure by Christopher Smith, Republican of New Jersey, and others that would admit about 20,000 refugees at "high risk," saving them from the prison

planes awaiting them.
After the Vietnam War, many Vietnamese and Laotians were admitted to the United States. Left behind in the camps were about 5,500 Laotians who once fought for the United States and Vietnamese also once considered refugees. Some had agreed to return, but in fear changed refugees, you see.
Mr. Smith, head of the House

board were 930 Jewish refuagainst religious persecution. He calls for a one-time operation, within existing quotas. U.S. funds would be withdrawn from forced-return operations, probably killing them.

> when it tries. When a Laotian in Colorado asked about countrymen in a Thai camp, back came a letter from Edward Wilkinson, comselor in the U.S. Emwere confined in a special "de-tention" center. They had violated "decisions" taken at an international "technical" meeting that bars people in the camps from "actively working" against "voluntary repatriation," under pain of "appropri-ate" reprisals. So: Dissidents against their governments are also punished for dissenting with the international bureau-

cracy about their fate. Some Americans friendly to refugees still languishing at America's gates are cool to attention to the Vietnamese and Laotians. That is not helpful to any refugees, but to those who

want them in chains. Maybe the Asian refugees will find help someplace. Look at the passengers on the St. Louis. never formally accepted the Turned away by Cuba and the road map, they are acutely United States, they found refuge aware that they have met most in Britain, France, Belgium and

The journey of the St. Louis was sometimes called the voyage of the damned. But that does not tell us, does it, exactly who were the damned, and at what moment damnation took place. The New York Times.



Why Vietnam Should Be Recognized

WASHINGTON — In 1991, the Bush administration proposed a "road map" for improving U.S. relations with Vietnam. Under its provisions, Vietnam was required to help secure a political settle- men. Vietnam's cooperation ment of the Cambodian conflict; take unilateral, bilateral and multilateral steps to help

the United States account for embargo against Vietnam last its missing servicemen; and reyear. The judgment is shared by lease from so-called re-education camps all remaining South Vietnamese government and military officials. In response, the United States would move incrementally toward fully normalized relations.

Although the Vietnamese never formally accepted the of its conditions. Vietnam's cooperation warrants the immediate normalization of diplomatic relations. It would be unfair, injurious to the credibility of the United States and beneath the dignity of a great nation to evade commitments that were

freely undertaken. The issue involved in our relations of greatest importance to the American people is the ac-counting for our missing service-

Although it is probably impos-By John McCain sible for American policymak-ers to fully comprehend the ob-The writer, who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam for five years, is a scure workings of power in Republican senator from Arizona. Hanoi, we can, at least, demonstrate that there are benefits to

seeking accommodation with with the United States on this the United States. issue is extensive and has in-Of even greater concern is the creased since we lifted our trade balance of power in the region. If decentralization and other political dynamics within China practically every American offitoday do not lead to the systemcial — military and civilian ic reform of the regime and the involved in our Joint Task Force restraint of Chinese imperialfor a Full Accounting. We have ism, the United States will likemade substantial progress in dely confront China as our numtermining the fates of all those ber one security problem. missing for whom we can rea-

It is, therefore, absolutely in sonably expect an accounting.
The Vietnamese government our national security interests to have an economically viable even allows us to excavate Viet-Vietnam strong enough to resist, in concert with its neighbors, the heavy-handed tactics of its great power neighbor. that offer even the slightest That reason, more than any hope that the servicemen in other, urges the normalization of our relations and makes Vietment of their initial loss and nam's membership in the Assothat we think might be reciation of South East Asian Nations, and the increasingly responsible role Hanoi is playing in regional affairs, a very

welcome development. Four years ago, former Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach grasped a truth that had eluded some of his Politburo comrades. "Vietnam," he told me, "must accept the destiny of a small country." Vietnam has come a long way in the past five years toward accepting that destiny, and the United States should recognize that progress has been made and should relinquish its lingering resentments from the war.

The Washington Post.

nography in cyberspace.

two years in prison. That doesn't only mean individuals distributing pornography. It could also mean erotic love letters distributed by E-mail or sexually explicit fiction.

To understand the real magnitude of the supposed prob-lem, and the foolishness of the out of hand, children must solution, you have to speak with children, go on line and experience cyberspace with different from the jungle Mr.

Exon that perceives.

Cyberspace is their world.

With such a dense concentration of children in one "place," picking up kids in cyberspace should be like "shooting fish in a barrel," according to Fred Cotton of Search, an organization that deals with computer crime.

stalking children on line, there

year-old girl explained to me on

Kids Are Safe in Cyberspace

NEW YORK — We cannot By David S. Bennahum over the Net, it's usually spontaneous and unexpected — like an dren are subjected to pornography and smut on the Internet." Senator Jim Exon warns.

His proposed solution, hastily debated and passed by the cyber smart." Senate Commerce Committee, posefully exposing them to por-

The bill, known as the Comas part of a mammoth telecompunish anyone convicted of sending obscene material the bedroom - while the parthrough computer networks with up to a \$100,000 fine and

According to Mr. Exon, Democrat of Nebraska, cyberspace is a dangerous jungle of interconnected networks where pedophiles and pornographers rass or send obscene material to roam freely. By stopping obscenity in cyberspace, you protect children, the logic goes.

Of the 6.8 million households with on-line accounts, 35 percent have a youngster under is the same technology that 18, and the average age on the Internet is 23 and falling. In a text-based

are few cases involving face-toface contact initiated by a meet-they're chatting with is a peer. ing in cyberspace, according to This bends the boundaries nor-Ernie Allan, the director of the mally erected between adults National Center for Missing or Abused Children. The numbers the collapse of these boundare low because, for the most aries is not harmful. part, children know enough not to give their addresses to strangers or agree to meet with them. "You can really get into seri-

ous situations when people ask you questions on line," a 15-

line. "You have to think about that before answering. You have to be street smart and

While the specifics of Mr. Exwill do little to curb people in- on's concerns reflect the envitent on abusing children or pur-ronment of the information age. the underlying fear behind the bill taps into ageless stories we have all grown up with. Like the munications Decency Act, is wolf in "Little Red Riding scheduled to reach the U.S. Hood," the cyber-stalker, we Senate floor early next month are told, comes disguised as a friend, even another child, and munications package. It would sneaks undetected into the most secure of domestic settings -

MEANWHILE

ents go about their business.

oblivious to what is happening. Today's version makes much of the fact that in cyberspace there are no walls or doors for parents to lock. Yet the Exon bill would do nothing to stop the seduction of children in cyberspace. Pedophiles do not hatheir intended victims. They form friendships, Sending vulgar messages erodes the essen-tial ingredient required for a agree to a face-to-face meeting. Stopping that from happening is beyond the reach of federa them. You will find a world far law. It requires parents and children to set rules about meet-

> And it turns out that the technology that allows the wolf to hide behind a friendly face In a text-based medium like

ing friends made on line.

cyberspace, children hold all the cards: They can conceal their sex, age and location. This privacy not only protects them from physical harm, it is also powerfully liberating. In such an environment, role-Yet, for all the talk of adults playing thrives. Children can represent themselves as adults. adults assume the person and children. Most of the time

> Children, like adults, go on line to communicate and explore, but they also use resources like forums devoted to specific subjects, electronic libraries and encyclopedias. When obscene material comes

neous and unexpected - like an obscene phone call. For example, you may be discussing baseball on line, and suddenly a new arrival makes offensive remarks. You can always leave the discussion, and in any case cyberspace has its own restraints; harassers face the scorn of the crowd and the possibility of their on-line

account getting revoked. As in real life, kids form cliques and circles of friends. Word-of-mouth and group opinion serve as a potent and protective barrier. You can also block the receipt of electronic mail from specific people.

If children actively seek out obscene material, stopping them is much more difficult. But as a 14-year-old girl point-ed out to me, "If a kid wants to look at dirty pictures and he can't find them on line, he'll

find them somewhere else." Mr. Exon's proposal does not address the real problem of pornography in cyberspace namely, that since a lot of material inappropriate for children isn't legally obscene, it would be as available in cyberspace as it is on a newsstand. The Communications Decency Act says nothing about rating systems.

Cyberspace, with 20 million users worldwide, connecting 145 nations, is too rich and complex an environment for a law as general and misinformed as the Communications Decency Act. The Clinton administration, concerned that the Senate will vote without a real understanding of the issues at stake, let alone knowledge of how cyberspace functions, asked the Senate to hold hearings on the

act before voting.

The Senate has no formal plans to do so. That is a mistake. Cyberspace is a resource too precious to submit to dangerously simplistic legislation. Congress should educate itself on this environment before considering Mr. Exon's indecent proposal.

Mr. Bennahum is writing a book titled "Coming of Age in Cyberspace." He contributed this com-ment to The New York Times.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cambodian Returnees

Regarding "A Good United Na-tions Job in Cambodia" (Opinion, April 29) by Elizabeth Becker:

The writer's optimistic view of Cambodia masks a bitter aspect Countries for years with the UN They are to be reasonable to the presence in Cambodia: its effect countries they first by hour on the cost of living the widenand the sudden explosion of prostitution? As for the refugees, 350,000 were indeed returned to their country, but what impact has their return had on their already impoverished community? Under what conditions do they

> Although the international community heralded the repatriation as an early success, a 1993 World Food Program report mentioned that 60 percent of the returned Cambodians had fallen into the "vulnerable" category, those unable to fend for themselves. According to the same source, 90 percent of the returnees to whom the United Nations promised land, vital for their livelihood, in fact found themselves landless. This, coupled with the inability

integration projects, meant that thousands of women and children were forced to scrape by, surviving only by gathering wood in mine fields.

Since then, many of them have been displaced, but the health centers, deprived of doctors and medicines, are still inundated with tuberculosis patients, and the continued fighting in some areas, coupled with the failure of effective reintegration of these refugees, has meant that they have found no place to live in Cambodia.

> YVETTE PIERPAOLI. European Representative. Refugees International. Serviers, France.

An Arafat Appointee

Regarding "Arabs Warn U.S. on Jerusalem Embassy" (May 10): The report states that "Sheikh Ikrima Sabri, the mufti of Jerusalem — the top Muslim religious official in the city — said the plot for the prospective U.S. Embassyl had been confiscated by Israel

from the Islamic Trust.' Sheikh Sabri is Chairman Yasser Arafat's appointee. A report by the nonpartisan Peace Watch found that his appointof the United Nations to develop the promised short-term re-

the Principles, as well as the Gaza-Jericho Agreement. The highest Muslim authority in Jerusalem is the mufti appointed

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by King Hussein of Jordan. The United States demonstrated that the Islamic Trust did not own the land and that title to it was clear when it was leased by the U.S. government. However it failed to observe that Sheikh had no authority to speak for the Islamic Trust, Evidently, not embarrassing Chairman Arafat is a component of U.S. and Israeli government policy.

JOSEPH LERNER.

Eloquent Testimony

Samuel Pisar's account of his liberation by American troops at the end of World War II ("Then Came the Five-Pointed Star of Life and Freedom," Opinion, May 8), moved me to tears. May I respectfully suggest that copies of his address be hand-delivered to Senator Jesse Helms and other members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and that you consider reprinting this eloquent testimony annually on the anniversary of V-E Day?

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PAULA

By Isabel Allende, Translated by Margaret Sayers Peden. 330 pages, \$24. HarperCollins.

Reviewed by 3 Gabriella DeFerrari

SABEL Allende's new book, Paula," is more than a memoir. It is a tender, moving and vivid record of a mother's agony at the bedside of her daughter - a 27-year-old who succumbed to a hereditary disease called porphyria and, because of a doctor's misdiagnosis, lay in a coma for a year before dying. The book moves through dark territories from desperation to hearthreaking acceptance of that most searing of losses, the premature death

Like Allende's brilliant novel "The House of Spirits," which uses a farewell letter to the protagonist's dying grandfather as its point of departure, "Paula" begins as a long letter
this one to Allende's unconscious daughter as a way of giving her back the life that is

ebbing away. But although Paula's illness sparked the writing of this book. "Paula" tells us little about Allende's daughter beyond the parameters of her brief life. The book is really about

Allende and her family. Allende tells us how she did not begin to write fiction until 1981, when she was 40. By then she had tried several avenues that had left her unsatisfied. Born in Peru, the daughter of a

diplomat who abandoned his family when Allende was very young, she returned to Chile with her mother to the home of her maternal grandparents. There she grew up in a large, extended family headed by her grandfather and presumed clairvoyant grandmother. A niece of Salvador Allende,

she was a close witness to this enigmatic man's life and tragic end. President Allende's fall from power made it impossible for Isabel Allende and her family to remain in Chile. The account of her last hours in Santiago is moving, as are the descriptions of life in Pinochet's tormented Chile. Transplanted to Venezuela, with a husband she no longer loved, two children, no job, approaching the middle of her life. Allende was forced to assess her existence.

In Chile she had worked as a tabloid journalist and as a minor television personality. Now, in exile, she was forced to acknowledge that her life had been mediocre and unsatisfying. Then, too, it became apparent that her marriage, to a rather phlegmatic Anglo-Chilean, was over.

Her writing eventually brought her to California on a book tour, where she met Willie, the man who changed her life. She now lives on the northern California coast.

It took the success of three novels for Allende to admit to herself that she was a writer. For her, writing has become a tool for survival, an accord be-

life. We learn of people who give her the gift of their story. from her clairvoyant grand-mother, who dictated to the author as she wrote "The House of Spirits." to the victims of the atrocities during the Pinochet years, who pursued her with their stories until she was forced to write them. Writing,

12 THE CAROUSEL by Belva

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tween the real and the imagined Allende tells us, is a ritual to which she summons spirits: "I do not choose the subject, the subject chooses me.

> Gabriella DeFerrari, author the forthcoming memoir Two Worlds," wrote this for The Washington Post.

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A Dazzling 'Flute' in Ferrara

By Roderick Conway Morris International Herald Tribune

■ The music of Mozart's "Die Zauberflöte" is for the most part of unabashed simof a consummate master.

The story, set in a hazily-outlined, imaginary Egypt, of the chivalrous mission of Prince Tamino, accompanied by the child of nature Papageno, to rescue Pamina at the behest of her mother, the Queen of the Night, from captivity in the hands of the High Priest Sarastro, is lacking in complexity even by the undemanding narrative standards of fairy tales (though there is a mild twist when we discover who the real baddies are).

Meanwhile, this hazardously insubstantial, delicately poised structure is expected to carry a serious message, deeply-imbued with Enlightenment thinking, about human responsibilities and the vicissitudes and rewards of the pursuit of the Good Life.

"The Magic Flute": was written a few months before Mozart's death, and John Eliot Gardiner has left it till last in his five-yearlong project to stage and record all seven of the composer's mature operas. To realize a truly convincing staged version of this sub-limely-scored philosophical pantomime is a challenge that has defeated many distin-guished conductors in the past, But Gardiner, the director Stephen Medcalf, the English Baroque Soloists, Monteverdi Choir and the European dancers of the American Pilobolus Dance Theatre triumphantly showed that it could be done at the Teatro Comunale in

LONDON THEATER

ger, staff and apple.

But through the music, movement, cos-tume and lighting the company conjures up plicity — the simplicity, however, an illusion of teeming, constantly shifting locales. The Pilobolus team of four male and two female dancers - light-footed, fluid, lissome, and gracefully acrobatic transformed themselves seemingly effortlessly into rampant lions, chains, columns, arches. Papageno's birds in flight, the lofty, swaying tree from which Papageno threatens to hang himself, water, leaping flames and a bed of roses for Pamina to sleep upon. These visual effects are artfully enhanced

> Romeo Gigli's costumes were equally in harmony with the spirit of the production. His eye-catching woven, brocaded, striped and beaded combinations — from Saras-tro's gold morning coat and Red Indian headband to the Queen of the Night's sparkling multitrained extravaganza —

by Rick Fisher's excellent lighting ef-

provide pleasing splashes of color against the austere monochrome backdrop. Gardiner is a tireless seeker of excep-tional new young voices, and his flair for spotting talent was confirmed by the cast - all of whom performed with panache. putting energy into their acting as well as their singing — expertly directed by Stephen Medcalf, and inspired additionally, no doubt, by the elegant example set by their Pilobolus colleagues.

Particularly remarkable was Gerald Fin-

Ferrara Friday. The whole action takes place ley's Papageno, in which the character's on a bare stage, the only props being the flute, low-comic, impish, stubborn and unwordly the glockenspiel, a gilded picture frame, dag-Harry Peeters's dignified and powerful Sarastro, which lent credence to the didactic thread of the drama. Angela Kazimierczuk, Carola Guber and Maria Jonas were divertingly wicked, lascivious and poutingly preposterous as the Queen of the

Night's Three Ladies. The breakneck Papageno-Papagena duet of Constanze Backes, a rising star, and Finley during which the two start fever-ishly to rip off each other's clothes, unable to wait a moment longer before beginning production of the horde of tiny tots they intend to inflict upon an unsuspecting world was engagingly sexy, funny and superlatively sung.

The English Baroque Soloists and Mon-teverdi Choir acquitted themselves with their usual faultless technique, mastery of the score and passionate commitment, producing a richness and subtlety of tone that one can only hope will encourage any of their Italian confreres listening to push ahead with the adoption of period instruments for the playing of Baroque music (a movement still in its infancy in Italy).

This "Magic Flute" reveals the dazzling results that can be achieved by bringing together the very best of international mu-

sic-making and theater.

Performances of "Die Zauberflöte": Amsterdam (Concertgebow) June 19, 20, 22;
Ludwigsburg (Forum am Schlosspark), July 2 and London (Queen Elizabeth Hall), July 12, 14.



Cannes photo album: Clockwise from top, Ken Loach, right ("Land and Freedom"): Nicholas Cage ("Kiss of Death"); Korine and Clark ("Kids"); Pryce in "Carrington"; Annie Shizuka Inoh ("Haonan Haonu").

Maria Friedman at Whitehall: an actress who treats her songs as if they were one-act plays for solo voice. Civilized Talk, Uncivilized Ways

By Sheridan Morley

ONDON - At the Orange Tree in Richmond, the director Sam Walters has maintained a fierce loyalty to the playwright James Saunders, going back all of 20 years; elsewhere, Saunders remains oddly unfashionable as a dramatist and his new "Re-

treat" begins to tell us why. He is an immensely elegant, bookish writer of the kind we nowadays normally confine to

midafternoon on BBC radio. Saunders assumes a literate. intelligent audience, with time to spare and no especial desire to be suddenly shocked or shak- best friends. In the event of any

derfully played by Tim Pigott-Smith as a study in lonely selfabsorption. Rather improbably, he is making enough of a living as a comic columnist to have been able to retire prematurely to a Welsh cottage after a car crash in which he has, who knows how intentionally, killed

his wife and permanently crippled their daughter. Into his "Retreat" erupts a young hippie girl (equally well played by Victoria Hamilton, in whom, almost direct from drama school, the Orange Tree has discovered a star) whose parents were once his neighbors and

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en out of their skins. "Retreat" disasters, the parents had agreed but it needs to be sustained with is the story of a writer, won- to act as guardians to each other's children, and she has now come to collect on the deal. Never mind that she has al-

ready been backpacking around India and is clearly old enough to look after herself. Saunders has never been one to allow practicalities to get in the way of his interest in guilt and memory and characters who little by little reveal each other's obsessions. This is a duologue of mood rather than memory, and its final copout ending in the manner of "An Inspector is breathtaking. But Calls" along the way we get an un-usually civilized debate about though they were one-act plays

uncivilized behavior. At the Lyric Hammersmith. and bearing a trio of awards and Hart, Jacques Brel and the from its native Glasgow, the rest, she has had the intelligent Tron Theatre's "Dumb- notion of commissioning allstruck!" by David Kane turns new arrangements from the best out to be a good idea gone horribly wrong. This time we are in the 1960s backstage boarding house of Mrs. Husk. With a former husband already under the floorboards, a pop-singer impressionist who delights in poisoned milk bottles, and a conjuror with unusual vanishing gifts, the stage ought to be set for a manic and murderous theatrical farce high on nostalgia for that peculiarly local form of Glasgow music hall recaptured here, alas, only by the posters on the walls.

Kane has overlooked the first rule of farce, which is that the plot has to be watertight and make perfect sense within its mances only a wondrous revival own eccentric limitations. However dated "Harvey" now seems at the Shaftesbury, it does at least abide by its own

Kane has decided that, postresult "Dumbstruck!" all too soon descends into a desperately untidy and unfocused esits own improbability. Elaine C. what they can to keep the enno situation maintained long

Liz Robertson, who had played the show all over America with Nureyev, and Irek Mukhamedov, another charismatic Russian ballet dancer, who intrigu-Orton, anything goes, and as a ingly pulled the musical far from the rather cozy charm of Yul Brynner at the end of his long career in the role, and instead capade that rapidly vanishes up made it a more sinister show until the moment when, instruct-Smith and Forbes Masson do ed by Mrs. Anna. he finally learns to sweep her off her feet ergy level up, but no character and across the hall in one of the is developed carefully enough. greatest dance moments I have ever seen. This is "The King and enough, to arouse or maintain I" as Rodgers and Hammerstein originally wrote it, complete

step for their March.

tremendous and intricate care.

not this anything-goes ramble

around some very familiar ter-

ritory. Fast and frantic is not

enough if the frame has not been

properly built, and here it looks

as though it has merely been

Special Arrangement" at

Whitehall is that considerable

rarity, a cabaret that has grad-

uated to a West End theater.

Friedman, still in her early 30s,

is far and away the best show

singer of her generation, not

least because she is primarily an

for a solo voice. For this cel-

ebration of Sondheim, Rodgers

arrangers on either side of the

Atlantic. She has also assem-

bled a big band, and the result is

just breathtaking, from blues in

the night to such Manhattan an-thems as "I Happen to Like

New York." speaking of which she needs to be seen in a small

Broadway theater soonest: the

American audience has as yet no

idea what it has been missing.

'NTO Covent Garden's vast

Freemason's Hall, seldom

open to the public except in

these festival weeks, and re-

sembling the indoor public baths

of some megalomanic Roman

emperor, came for five perfor-

of "The King and I" starring

"Maria Friedman by Extra

hurled together in rehearsal.

about the kind of sex they like. duped, abused and victimized. Another, very different kids' story diwith a dozen or so of the most

'Kids' Grabs Spotlight at Cannes

By Joan Dupont

ANNES - At week's end of a flagging competition, the Cannes Film Festival has finally gotten one of its most awaited films. The phenomenon is American: "Kids," directed by photographer Larry Clark, gave the festival a shot in the arm.

Following an intense suspense campaign engineered by Miramax, a company expert in this kind of media maneuver ("The Crying Game": Please don't give away the ending), "Kids" (Please don't give away the morals) arrived like The Little-Engine-That-Could, puffing out a double message: scandal, yes, but actually, sex, drugs and AIDS can be family entertainment.

The 90-minute film displays more frontal language than frontal nudity. Violence intrudes in an almost desultory way, gnawing on the nerves, leaving a taste of ashes. Clark called his movie a cautionary tale, saying, "We wanted to show what it's like when kids are out of the house in their own reality."

screen were older than they looked, and that none were doing drugs. He even got in a pitch for Disney, the distributor. Clark's film moves like the kids on their skateboards from a script by 19-

The director claimed that the kids on

year-old Harmony Korine. Certain scenes are brilliantly written and edited, cutting between a session among girls, then boys,

It's summer in the city, and in a bedroom crowded with reddybears. Telly (Leo Fitzpatrick) is working over a girl who looks 12. I really like you, he says, I promise it won't hurt. Telly's idea of safe sex - and fun — is deflowering virgins. He and his friends are on the rampage from the upper West Side to Washington Square Park, looking for more fun. Jennie (Chloé Sevigny), one of his discards, is searching for him. If the less exhibitionist aspect to the film is corruption of innocents, the puzzle is how these savvy girls let themselves be

It is the story of a boy growing up in the such self-absorbed characters. Bible Belt. Davies, a director born in Liverpool, who won the Critics' Prize in 1988 with "Distant Voices, Still Lives," transposes his poetic musical world to another setting: the impoverished U.S. South. The boy (Drake Bell as a child, Jacob Tierney as a teenager) is at the center, but the star is Aunt Mae, a nightclub singer played su-

perbly by Gena Rowlands. Davies says, "My heroes tend to be women because I was brought up by my sisters and, being gay, I feel quite uncomfortable with men, for obvious reasons. The young child acts as a catalyst for the story, but women are my heroes." Davies read the novel in a single sit-

ting: "It's a very mature work for a 16year-old. I tried to capture the essence of the book. That's what's exciting, like in William Wyler's 'The Heiress' - a lot of that dialogue isn't by Henry James, but it sounds like Henry James. This is about a child experiencing the world. Those images burn into you and paradise can be lost, but you can still enjoy it."

19th-century classics is upon us. Emma dy" are no doubt sterling projects, al-though the ads make Isabelle Archer look like an 18th-century strumpet.

Meanwhile, Christopher Hampton's 'Carrington,' starring the divine Emma and the excellent Jonathan Pryce, has been adapted from Michael Holroyd's biography of Lytton Strachey. The film, Hampton's directorial debut, squeezes the last drops from the Bloomsbury legend — those madean children of Victorian parents, writers, painters, manicdepressives, who fell in love with the wrong sex. From the moment Lytton Strachey (Pryce) gets off the train, his eye alights on the young groom who comes to meet him. He next spots the boyish, virginal Carrington and is, all too briefly, attracted; she is hooked for life. Although

that John Kennedy Toole ("A Confed-eracy of Dunces") wrote when he was 16. deep approach to character, it looks more eracy of Dunces") wrote when he was 16.

Hampton plotted in segments; between the pieces that span the '20s and '30s, it is hard to fill in the blanks. Witty one-liners do not a movie make, and we are in for the

inevitable "Vanessa, my dear, how is Clive today?" kind of dialogue. Pryce is brilliant as the witty, tormented Lytton; Thompson runs on, like a hectic schoolgirl. The real problem is that Hampton sets an attractive table, designed by Caroline Amies with music by Michael Nyman, but hasn't put art into what he's serving. The actors are left to their own devices. Their supposedly dangerous li-aisons look muddled, and we never get insight to the masochistic Carrington, a foil for Strachey and a puzzle to watch.

AMPTON has been on the project since the '70s. The film was slated to be directed by Mike Newell, but when Newell was swept up in the success of "Four Weddings and a Funeral," Hampton took over.

st, but you can still enjoy it."

"Angels and Insects," directed by Cannes is as much about what's in the Philip Haas from a screenplay he wroteair as what's on screen, and nostalgia for with his wife, Belinda, is based on "Mor-19th-century classics is upon us. Emma pho Eugenia" by A.S. Byatt. If "Car-Thompson's adaptation of Jane Austen's rington" is nostalgia, this movie is "Pride and Prejudice," Jane Campion's voyeurism, a highbrow look at all the take on Henry James's "Portrait of a La-kinky sex that went on behind those statekinky sex that went on behind those stately Victorian mansions. Ingeniously built on the metaphor of the insect kingdom. the camera dissects the behavior of the Alabaster estate.

Father is fascinated with Darwin, the son with the hunt, and the daughter, beauteous Eugenia (Patsy Kensit) with breeding a future race of Alabasters. Into this privileged enclave enters a poor naturalist. Adamson (Mark Rylance). He must, and alas does, win Engenia; or does she win fresh genetic material to sire her young? Eugenia is dressed like a monarch butterfly, and elegant Kristin Scott Thomas, playing a governess right out of "Jane Eyre," is draped in dark materials, like a praying mannis. There is plenty of smart talk, by overarticulate characters spelling vided audiences here. Terence Davies has adapted "The Neon Bible" from a book impossible love, considering the skinout vagaries of Victorian obsessions and repressions, but the movie's effect is about



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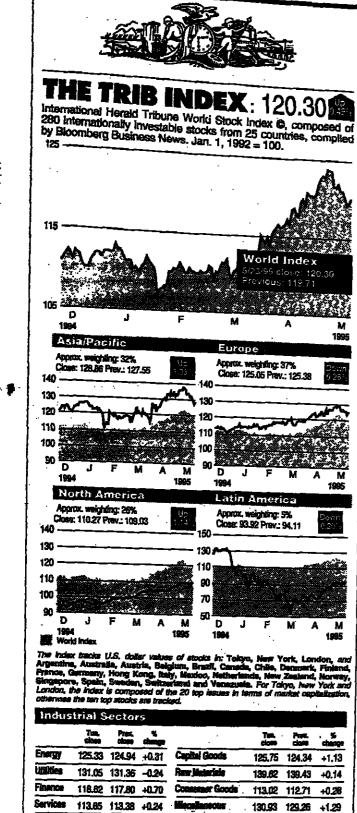
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By Walt Baranger

Festival were lost in the mail,

as well as those never likely to

get there, can do their star-

gazing by computer for the next few days on a series of World Wide Web sites dedi-

cated to covering the glitz and

the glory.

Created by people from Japan to New York, three Web

sites have found corporate

sponsors to help defray costs

of computers and staff, in

what amounts to an experi-

ment in covering a news event

over the Internet.
The festival, which runs

until Sunday, is as famous for

its rampant partying as for its films, and two Web sites —

Palme d'Or and Cannes on

Cyber - dedicate nearly as

much space to gossip and parties and what they call

"buzz" (as distinct from gos-

sip) as they do to motion pic-

Early in the festival, which

began May 17, blank spaces and huge text files dominated

the three Web sites. But they

were designed to expand with

tures and directors.

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Those who are sure

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the Cames Film

film clips or celebrity tidbits as the festival progressed.
Cannes on Cyber, based in Iapan, led to an Air France mostly news articles and pub-

The Web Comes to Cannes

Web page featuring movie stars posing near, boarding on, riding in and alighting from all sorts of Air France

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Toyota Profit Up But Yen Looms

TOKYO — Toyota Motor Corp. said Tuesday that strong sales and cost-cutting measures helped it post a current group profit of 274.8 billion yen (\$3.2 billion) in the nine months to

That tops the 236.5 billion yen Japan's largest automaker earned for all of the 1993-94 financial year. Because Toyota is switching the end of its financial year to March from June, comparable year-ago results were not available.

Sales reached 8.12 trillion yen in the nine-month period. Sales for all of the previous fi-nancial year were 9.36 trillion yea. Toyota sold 1.56 million vehicles in Japan in the ninemonth period, with 1.7 million sold overseas.

The company posted a net profit of 131.9 billion yen for the period, topping the 125.8 billion earned in all of the previous financial year.

But Toyota forecast tough times ahead as the strong yen takes a toll and possible U.S. trade sanctions take effect. The United States has said it will slap 100 percent punitive tariffs on 13 Japanese luxury car models if Japan fails to widen access to its market for U.S. cars and car parts by the end of June.

The sanctions list includes all five Lexus models, of which Toyota sells some 87,000 a year in North America.

The sanctions could "inflict reat damage on Toyota," said Hiroshi Okuda, an executive vice president. "Toyota could face a critical

situation in its first half," said Noriyuki Matsushima, a senior analyst at Nikko Research Center. "It may post a loss in the first half unless it makes efforts to cope with the strong yen."
(Reuters, AP, Bloomberg, AFX)

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In New York, the interac-

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Even with three competing sites, however, the first few pages about the Cannes Film Festival on the World Wide

Web lacked film clips and the

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A Last Gamble at Lloyd's After Huge Losses, Settlement Sought

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribune

LONDON - After centuries of crafting insurance policies to cover some of the world's most exotic risks — from pianists' fingers to starlets' legs — Lloyd's of London addressed the trickiest risk of all on Tuesday:

At what David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, acknowledged was a "critical juncture" in the 300-year history of the venerable insurance market, Lloyd's unveiled a £2.8 billion (\$4.4 billion) settlement offer designed to end years of costly litigation with its thousands of wealthy individual members.

Virtually lost, however, in the plethora of proposals to create what market executives termed a "new Lloyd's," free of the problems of the past, was the announcement of a huge annual loss for the market,

Lloyd's, which reports its earnings three years in arrears, said Tuesday that it lost £1.2 billion in 1992, bringing the total loss in the past four years on account to about £8 billion. Disasters such as the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989 contributed heavily.

The centerpiece of the package announced Tuesday, however, was a settlement offer to the so-called Names, individual Lloyd's members whose assets have traditionally backed its policies. It included a proposed £2 billion in credit to be used by Names to help meet their debts to Lloyd's, plus £800 million in cash earmarked for settlement of outstanding legal claims against the market by the Names.

Crucially, the package also included a new framework for Equitas, the entity that Lloyd's plans to set up next spring to take over all risks on policies written before 1993. To meet potential claims on those policies, Equitas would need a capital base of a staggering £16 billion,

By Lawrence M. Fisher

New York Times Service

Boeing Co. said Tuesday that it expected to eliminate an additional 5,000 jobs this year, bringing total job cuts in 1995 to 12,000. The

move was intended to reduce costs in response to

Boeing Widens Job-Cut Plan

Through Equitas, Names would hope to get one thing that many insist they want more than anything - a final cap on their losses. In the future, beleaguered Names wishing to wash their hands of Lloyd's would, in theory, be able to pay Equitas a premium and be assured in the words of Mr. Rowland, that Lloyd's "will not chase them anymore" to recover their debts.

In essence, Equitas would offer Names an insurance policy against their future losses on policies covering things like asbestos poisoning and pollution, claims the full scale of which is typically not known for many years, or even decades

"We are offering Names reinsurance, not absolution, from risks written in the past."

Although Names will not vote on the proposals until next spring and are expected to continue their litigation in the interim early indications from a number of groups representing Lloyd's Names suggest that such a cap coupled with the settlement offer may well end the acrimony.

"I think this plan will go down quite well with the Names," said Robert Miller, a consultant with the Association of Lloyd's Members, which represents nearly 10,000 active Names. "It should get Lloyd's out of all of its

The Names' reaction is crucial. Lloyd's desperately needs its members to abandon their efforts to seek compensation through the courts and to start paying off their debts to the market. At the end of last year, roughly 8.000 individual Names owed £2.2 billion to Lloyd's, money that is urgently needed if Lloyd's is to honor the claims against its myriad insurance policies.

"Unless we deal with problems in this area," declared Mr. Rowland, "we haven't got

about how soon airlines would be ready to order

new airplanes. They also said that to remain

competitive with Europe's Airbus Industrie con-

sortium and other aircraft manufacturers.

62.5 cents, on the New York Stock Exchange.

Boeing shares closed Tuesday at \$56.875, up

Analysts said the increased cuts were not sur-

Boeing had to continue to reduce costs.

have declared their intention to retire.

U.S. Accuses EU Of Favoring **Managed Trade**

By Alan Friedman

PARIS - President Bill Clinton's top trade officials accused the European Union on Tuesday of favoring managed trade after Brussels opposed America's tactics in its dispute with Japan.

Mickey Kantor, the president's trade envoy, and Ronald H. Brown, the commerce secretary, were reacting to repeated charges by Sir Leon Brittan, the European trade commissioner. that it was illegal for the United States to threaten to impose \$5.9 billion of punitive tariffs on Japanese goods.

Mr. Kantor cited an array of European restrictions on Japanese car imports, criticizing European rules that require 60 percent local content in all Japanese cars. He said in an interview that Sir Leon was "some-what confused" and that European criticism of possible

U.S. sanctions was hypocritical. "How can they criticize us when they themselves maintain a closed market to the Japanese?" Mr. Kantor asked, accusing the European Union of favoring a policy of "managed trade."

Mr. Brown, speaking as he emerged from the annual ministerial meetings of the Organization for Economic Cooperation ropeans are going to be a major beneficiary of our success with the Japanese." He added that "it is a little frustrating when those benefit from what we do are publicly not supporting us." Several diplomats here said,

however, that once the shouting this week was over, they expected some serious, behind-thescenes, talking to begin. Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's

prising in light of an early-retirement program trade minister, said in an interannounced by Boeing last month. So far, more view that Japan found support than 6,000 of the approximately 13,000 employfrom Sir Leon "encouraging." ees eligible to take advantage of the program Mr. Hashimoto added he hoped

solved by the time leaders from the Group of Seven industrialized countries meet in mid-June in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He added that this could happen only if "the United States will change its position."

Günter Rexcodt, Germany's economics minister, said "we are interested in a friendly solution otherwise this could impact world trade." He said he could imagine a solution by the time of the Halifax meeting being

Mr. Rexrodt distinguished himself from most other European delegates, who were critical of the U.S. sanctions threat, by saying that "in general I feel closer to the Americans." He added, however, that U.S. manufacturers should not expect to reap benefits in Japan overnight "when German car companies have invested over a long time, and made more efforts, and sell more cars."

The OECD meetings here, in which plans for a new investment treaty and the need to fight unemployment were discussed, were almost completely eclipsed by the U.S.-Japan trade dispute.

Renato Ruggiero, the new director-general of the World Trade Organization, meanwhile made his debut here in a round and Development, said "the Eu- of separate consultations with the Americans, Japanese and Europeans.

Although he made clear that no negotiations had been held, Mr. Ruggiero did stress that Mr. Kantor had assured him Washington would respect any ruling made by the WTO on its dispute with Tokyo. Both the United States and Japan have brought their complaints to the WTO.

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Mr. Ruggiero also tried to reduce tension between the United States and Japan, saying "I would not want to overdramatize things."

increasing competitive pressures, Boeing said. The added job cuts come at a time when the airline industry has returned to profitability after four years of losses. But Boeing executives said the duration of the recession had raised doubts

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tles with video images.

Sir Colin Southgate, chairman of Thorn EMI, said the company would consider a spin-off the unit. Analysts said that prompted a rebound in the company's share price after an early morning decline. Thorn EMI shares

represents artists such as the Rolling Stones and Garth Brooks, rose 20 percent, to £294.9 million, as sales rose 24 percent, to £2.19 billion.

Thorn, which also rents consumer electronics equipment and retails music, said pretax profit before charges rose 23 percent, to \$423.6 million.

LONDON - Thorn EMI PLC said Tuesday its EMI Music division would expand into multimedia entertainment through ventures with Apple Computer Inc. and Virgin In-

(Bloomberg, AFX)

Thorn EMI To Get Into Multimedia

EMI Music plans to produce interactive CD-ROM products that will combine hit music ti-

Thorn EMI said pretax profit fell 17 percent, to £271.1 million, in the year to March 31. Sales rose 5 percent, to £4.51 billion. The company recorded special charges totaling £126.9 million.

rose 10 pence, to 1,217.
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Spanish Bank Helps Quilmes

BUENOS AIRES (Bloomberg) — Spain's Banco Santander SA will lend \$150 million to Quilmes Industrial SA to help finance the Argentine brewer's share of a \$1.69 billion takeover offer for John Labatt Ltd. of Canada.

On Thursday, the Canadian buyout concern Onex Corp. said it and Quilmes would bid 2.3 billion Canadian dollars (\$1.7 billion) for Labatt, the second-largest brewer in Canada.

Labatt on Tuesday called the offer "unrealistically low" and urged shareholders not to reject it. If the takeover goes through, Onex and Quilmes said they would sell Labatt's nonbrewing

• Medco Research Inc. said it would pay \$51.5 million in new common stock for Repligen Corp., giving it access to a number of new biotechnology products currently undergoing human testing. • Bank of New York Co. agreed to buy the securities custody business of J.P. Morgan & Co., taking over assets of \$800 billion in stocks and bonds that J.P. Morgan holds in custody for customers for six to nine months. Terms were not disclosed.

 Citicorp plans to eliminate fees for using its automated teller machines, telephone and personal computer banking, and electronic bill-payment service for customers in the New York metropolitan area and Connecticut.

 Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. will form a new division, MGM Interactive, that will manage the company's development of multimedia products. The division will be run by Ronald Frankel, who was named executive vice president and general manager.

Traders Love Crown Cork Deal

PHILADELPHIA - Crown Cork & Seal Co.'s \$5.2 billion deal to acquire CarnaudMetalbox SA of France was cheered on Wall Street and the Paris Bourse on Tuesday.

The agreement, announced late Monday, would create the with it appropriately. world's largest maker of packaging materials. Combined sales of metal and plastic products would total about \$10 bil-

The two companies make bottles, jars, cans and lids for customers ranging from Coca-Cola Co., to PepsiCo Inc. and Gillette Co.

"If you look at the distribution of our businesses there's

Tuesday. He said the two companies might be able to fit together well enough to avoid layoffs. But, he added, "If we find we have redundancies, we'll deal

Shares in Crown Cork rose \$5.50, to \$47.25, on the New 29.4 francs, to 219.10 francs (\$42.79). "Imagine the cost savings

and synergies as a result of this combination," said Daniel Khoshaba, an analyst with Salomon Brothers Inc.

"This is a company which

Avery, chairman of Crown raw materials," he said. "The age of securities that represent Cork, said in New York on two companies combining really makes three.'

Crown Cork said it had signed an exchange offer agreement to acquire the shares of CarnaudMetalbox's largest shareholder, Compagnie Genérale d'Industrie et de Partici-

CGIP, which owns 32 per-York Stock Exchange, while cent of CarnaudMetalbox's CarnaudMetalbox stock rose outstanding common stock. agreed to exchange its shares for equity securities offered by Crown Cork.

Once regulatory agencies have approved the transaction, which is expected no earlier than September, each Carnaud-Metalbox shareholder will be (\$4.86 billion) last year. very little overlap," William will spend \$6 billion a year in able to choose cash or a pack-

CGIP will become the largest shareholder of the combined company, with representation

on the Crown Cork board. Founded in Baltimore in 1892, Crown Cork is one of the pioneers in packaging, and invented the aerosol can at the end of World War II.

It has grown into a major metal and plastic packaging producer with 152 plants in 42 countries. Now headquartered in Philadelphia, it had \$4.5 billion in sales last year.

CarnaudMetalbox posted sales of 24.89 billion francs

(AP, Bloomberg)

Strong Equipment Demand Lifts Deere

MOLINE, Illinois - Strong demand for

farm machinery worldwide helped Deere & Co. post record income in its second financial quarter, the company said Tuesday.

Deere & Co. earned a net \$237 million in the quarter to April 30, up from \$189.3 million in the year-ago period, as sales rose to \$2.84 billion from \$2.46 billion.

"Market demand for all our products remains strong, reflecting increased export demand, continued growth in the general economy and sustained high levels of farmers' confidence," said Hans W. Becherer,

He said North American sales remained strong, while the weak dollar was encouraging overseas sales. Deere's exports rose 15 percent in the first six months of the year, to \$645 million, the company said.

Mr. Becherer said weather-related planting delays in the United States and some uncertainty about farm legislation did not slow purchases of farm equipment.

He said he expected moderate growth in the North American economy to result in continued demand for industrial and

lawn- and ground-care equipment. He said a three-year labor agreement with the United Auto Workers, ratified in March, encourages employee innovation and should generate productivity gains.

Although the results topped analysts' expectations, Deere's shares tumbled \$3.25, to \$86.50, on the New York Stock

"That's not good enough," said Blair Brumley, an analyst with Dain Bosworth in Minneapolis. "These guys have been beating consensus estimates very handily for quite awhile. The Street has finally caught up with these guys."

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Dollar Holds Its Own After Fed Meeting

NEW YORK - The dollar rose against European curren-

cies but edged lower against the yen Tuesday after the Federal Open Market Committee, the policymaking arm of the U.S. central bank, left interest rates unchanged.

The Italian lira, Spanish peseta and Swedish krona dropped against the dollar and the Deutsche mark, meanwhile, amid worries about inflation in Italy and Sweden and political uncertainty in Spain and Italy. Speculation that France may abandon its strong-currency policy hurt the franc.

Traders said the Fed decision to leave rates unchanged did not affect the dollar because it was expected.

The major factors helping the dollar recently have been efforts by Congress to cut the

Foreign Exchange \$203 billion annual U.S. budget

deficit and the government's efforts to pare the \$166 billion annual merchandise trade deficit by leveling sanctions on some Japanese auto exports, traders said.

We are attacking the deficits, which is positive for the francs from 5.1110, and to cars and auto parts.

dollar," said Tom Hoge, corporate currency trader at Bank of New York. The trade deficit hurts the dollar by putting a hoard of dollars into the hands of foreign exporters who sell them for their own currencies

when repatriating profits. The budget deficit hurts the dollar by making U.S. financial markets less attractive to foreign investors.

The dollar rose to 1.4441 DM from 1.4407 DM on Monday. It fell to 87.175 yen from 87.345. Against other currencies, the

dollar rose to 5.1315 French

1.2030 Swiss francs from 1.1995. The pound fell to \$1.5705 from \$1.5740. The simmering trade dispute

between Japan and the United States seemed far from being solved on Tuesday. At a meeting of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, U.S. and Japanese officials did not discuss the issue Tuesday.

European officials, meanwhile, remained critical of the U.S. threat to impose unilateral sanctions against Japan to try to force it to open its market for

Satisfied, the Fed Leaves Rates Alone

By Lawrence Malkin International Herold Tribune

NEW YORK - Evidently satisfied that the growth of the U.S. economy has moderated, the Federal Reserve Board left interest rates unchanged Tuesday for the second successive meeting of its Open Market Committee.

As widely expected, the target for the federal funds rate.

U.S. Stocks

which sets the wholesale cost of money, remained at 6 percent, where it has stood since Feb. 1. The Fed made its intentions known simply by saying that the committee had adjourned with no announcement.

Private economists have begun debating whether the central bank overreacted to fears of inflation in doubling short-term rates throughout 1994. If that is true, the Fed may be forced to start cutting them again later this year if the economy slumps.

Fed governors have indicated that so far they believe this is unlikely. Some expect the economy to revive later this year as business inventories are ren down and falling bond yields and a weak dollar stimulate

housing and exports. During the first quarter of this year, growth slipped to an annual rate of 2.8 percent, close to the Fed's target rate of 2.5 percent annual growth. In the last quarter of 1994, growth was running at an annual rate of 5.1 percent

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sharply down from the 6.52 per-cent yield at the last auction.

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■ Dow Up on Rate Outlook Optimism that the Federal Reserve Board will reduce interest rates later this year sent stocks higher Tuesday, news

agencies reported. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 40.81 points, at 4,436.44, just shy of a record, and advancing issues outnum-bered declining ones by a 2-to-1 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

A general feeling that the U.S. economy will slow enough this year to convince the Fed to take rates lower helped bonds rally. The price of the benchmark 30year Treasury bond rose 22/32 point, to 109 19/32, bringing the yield down to 6.86 percent from

6.91 percent Monday.
Technology issues were strong, with EMC Corp. rising 14 to 23% to lead volume on the Big Board. The stock added to gains that came Monday after the company said MCI Communications has decided ,

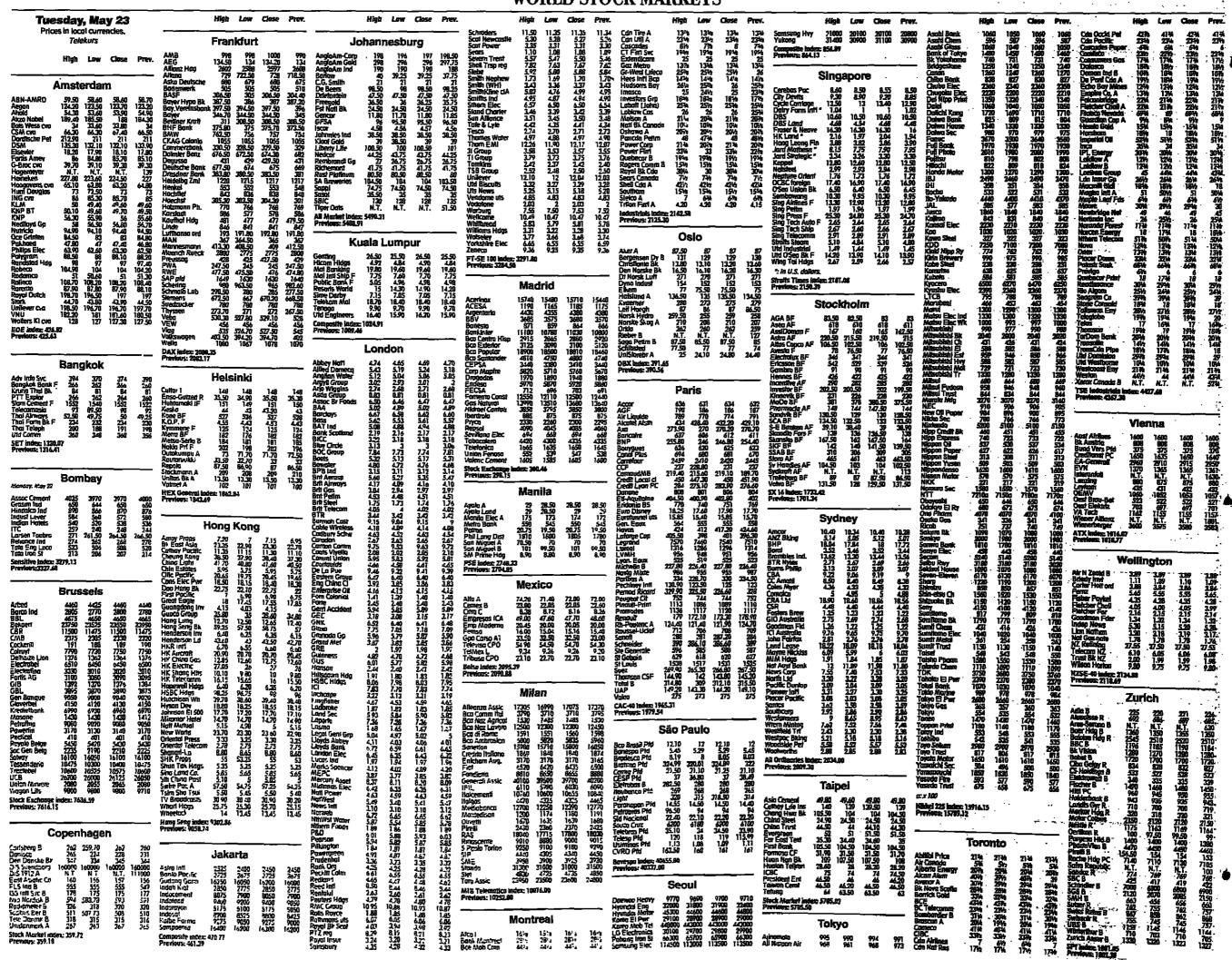
to use one of its technologies. Micron Technologies rose I 49%, International Business Machines rose 1% to 97% and Compaq rose 1% to 41%

Prospects for eventual rate cuts also lifted banking stocks, with Bankers Trust New York Corp. rising 214 to 60% and Bank of New York Co. climb ing 2 to 3914. Declining rates widen banks' profit margins and encourage companies and consumers to borrow money.

Bank shares got "roughed up over last six to nine months," as · In the over-the-counter mar-

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Three-Way Deal Creates Largest Danish Insurer

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches company, to be called Tryg-COPENHAGEN — Den Baltica Forsikring AS. Danske Bank AS, Denmark's largest bank, said Monday it 5.72 billion kroner (\$1.01 bil-

sikring, one of Denmark's larg. of Jan. 1, 1995, which was 6.8 est insurers, and Baltica will billion kroner. form Denmark's largest insur-

ance company. After the merger, Tryg General Ltd., a holding company parent company, but buying its that owns Tryg Forsikring, will more valuable subsidiary." that owns Tryg Forsikring, will control 92 percent of the new

InterTech Leaves Holvis Bidding To Int'l Paper

Compiled by Our Stuff From Disputches BASEL — InterTech Group Inc. said Tuesday that it had withdrawn withdrew its bid for Holvis Holzstoff AG, the Swiss paper-products company, leaving International Paper Co. as the only bidder.

InterTech said its move followed International Paper's agreement to sell Holvis's paper-distribution unit. Muchlebach Group, to Arjo Wiggins Appleton PLC if it won control

of Holvis. "Although InterTech remains fully convinced that Holvis shares are worth at least 500 Swiss francs (\$420). InterTech has concluded, due to this unforeseen event, that a public offer would be inappropriate at

this point," said InterTech. InterTech, a privately held paper and plastics company based in South Carolina, was to release details Wednesday of its 500 franc-per-share offer. International Paper, the world's largest forestry-products maker, said it would stick to its 435 franc-per-share bid, which expires May 30.

Holvis, meanwhile, said Tuesday that it still considered International Paper's offer insufficient and not reflective of tine "inherent value of the com- Forsikring to investors. pany. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Den Danske Bank said it would keep Danica Group, the sold the insurer Baltica Forsikr- life-insurance arm of Baltica, ing AS to Tryg Forsikring for and some of Baltica's generalinsurance activities.

The bank said it would take The combination of Tryg For. Danica at its net-asset value as

"These are really two separate deals," a spokesman for the bank said. "We are selling the

Den Danske said Danica had annual premium income of about 43 billion kroner in its life-insurance business and about 900 million kroner in its other operations.

Before selling its shares to Tryg, Den Danske Bank will exercise its right to buy 10.4 percent of Baltica from Codan Forsikring A/S, a Danish insur-er controlled by Sun Alliance PLC, at 1,600 kroner per share.

Den Danske Bank said the sale would give it a one-time gain of about 800 million kroner in its first-half earnings. Part of that amount comes from writing down a loss reserve Den Danske Bank had earlier taken

Baltica reported a loss of 199 million kroner for 1994. Of the total purchase price of 5.72 billion kroner, 4.55 billion will be paid by redeeming 2.7 million of Den Danske Bank's

Baltica shares at 1,685 kroner Tryg-Baltica will pay 202 million kroner for 120,000 shares it will use later in a share issue to employees, and Tryg

Amba will pay 964 million kroner for 572,027 shares. Tryg Amba will also offer to buy the shares of minority shareholders in Baltica Forsikring at a price of 1,685 kroner per share — the same price it pays Den Danske Bank.

Tryg Amba will pay for the purchase through a loan of up to 1.5 billion kroner. The debt is to be financed by

the sale of between 25 percent and 30 percent of Tryg-Baltica (Bloomberg, AFX)

U.K. Plan Irks Murdoch Media Rules Would Curb His Holdings

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON - New rules on media ownership proposed by the government Tuesday would allow some companies to expand their boldings but would restrict the two largest organizations, including Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.

News International responded with a statement denouncing the proposals and hinting it might sell some of its newspapers.

The proposals would set ownership limits at. 10 percent of the total media market, 20 percent of regional markets and 20 percent in a single sector --- newspaper, television or radio.

The rules would measure dominance by revenue or total audience share for the first time and introduce an independent regulator. Newspaper companies with less than 20 percent of the national market would be allowed to own 15 percent of the national television

The proposals were published in what is called a green paper, meaning there will be a period of consultation before draft legislation is published in a white paper.

They would restrict the expansion of News International PLC, a unit of News Corp., as well as that of Mirror Group PLC. The BBC, funded by a license fee and regulated by a public charter, is exempt from the proposed

legislation. "The document is not designed with any particular operator in mind at all," Stephen Dorrell, Britain's national heritage secretary, said at a news conference after announcing

the proposals. The problem with the existing rules, Mr. Dorrell said, is that they "cut across the dynamic of the industry to undermine healthy media industries." He also said the current "myriad of cross-ownership rules" needed to be revised and controlled by a regulator.

Under the proposals, if News International wanted to expand its role in television, it would have to get rid of some of its newspaper

The company said it would now have to "consider its position" regarding some of its

unprofitable newspapers and might eventually have to withdraw programming from cable-television companies.

News International publishes The Times, Today, The Sun, The Sunday Times and News of the World, accounting for 37 percent of national newspaper circulation. It also owns 40 percent of BSkyB, a satellite television service.

Mirror Group owns the Daily Mirror, Daily Record, Sunday Mirror, Sunday Record, The People, The Independent and The Independent on Sunday, accounting for 26 percent of national circulation,

The proposals were drawn up after industry leaders expressed concern that existing legislation on media ownership was ill-conceived and permitted Mr. Murdoch's familycontrolled business empire to dominate Britain's commercial media.

News International issued a statement saying the government's message seemed to be. Stop investing in expansion and increase prices to hold back circulations" and that the principal beneficiaries of the proposals would "the old, vested and often unsuccessful interests" among British media companies.

"Of course there are many questions to be answered, and we hope for a constructive dialogue with this supposedly free enterprise, pro-competition government," News Interna-

tional said. But the chairman of Associated Newspapers, Sir David English, welcomed the proposals. The company, which publishes the Daily Mail and the Evening Standard, has recently

expanded into television. The Newspaper Society, representing re-gional newspapers, called the proposed reforms a "genuine attempt to remove the archaic restrictions which isolate each media sector in its own corner despite the accelerat-

ing convergence of print, speech and video." But the society's director, Dugal Nisbet-Smith, objected to a proposal to ban TV ownership by regional companies that control more than 30 percent of their market.

(AP, AFX, Bloomberg)

Thyssen Returns to Profit

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BONN - Thyssen AG said an improving economy and cost cutting helped it return to profit in the first half of its latest financial year. The German conglomerate, which has interests in steel, elevators, civil engineering and telecommunications, promised investors they would

share in its turnaround. Thyssen said group pretax profit in the six months to the end of March was 411 million DM (\$284 million). In the period a year earlier, the company posted a loss of 182 million DM. The company said sales rose 16 percent, to 19 million DM.

"All in all, we expect a profit in 1994-95 that will make it possible to pay a satisfactory divi-dend and boost our capital," the company said. Stock in Thyssen rose 4.5 DM, to 272 DM.

"Revenues were higher than forecast, but profits pretty significantly lower," said Andrew Griffin of NatWest Securities Ltd. in London. He said his firm would likely pare its current forecast for full-year pretax profit of 1.3 billion DM. Analysts said the mark's rise relative to currencies in Thyssen's export markets may already

undermining margins in steel.

U.K. Clears Bids for Sub Maker

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

LONDON - The British government said Tuesday that it would allow two competing bids for the nation's sole submarine maker to go ahead, overruling a recommendation from its antitrust regulators that one of the offers, from General Electric Co. of Britain, be blocked.

The decision set up a heated battle for the submarine builder. VSEL PLC, between General Electric, which already owns the country's only other sizable military shipyard, and British Aero-space PLC, the nation's largest military contractor. General Electric, commonly known as GEC, is unrelated to the American company of the same name.

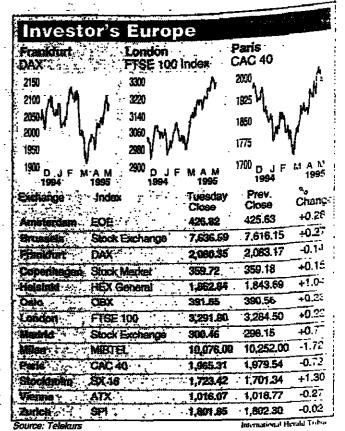
The decision also provided the clearest indication yet of the governing Conservative Party's intent to put aside antitrust considerations and allow companies to make their own decisions about how best to manage the shrinkage of the militarycontracting business.

"I have concluded that the public interest will be best served by allowing the market to determine the future ownership of VSEL and hence the industrial structure best adapted to meet the U.K.'s foreseeable naval defense needs," Michael Heseltine, the trade and industry minister, told the House of Commons.

VSEL shares rose 80 pence, to close at £17.80 (\$27.95), in London trading on Tuesday.

■ U.K. 'Wise Men' Disagree Britain's panel of independent economic advisers is split on whether interest rates need to be raised, Bloomberg Business News reported Tuesday from London.

In the first of two reports this year to Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke, the so-called Six Wise Men said they expected underlying inflation to remain at less than 4 percent. Of the Treasury's ad-(Bloomberg, Reuters) would require further rate rises. year-ago period.



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• Marks & Spencer PLC's pretax profit rose to £924.3 million (\$1.5 billion) in the year to March 31 from £851.5 million in the previous year, as sales rose to £6.8 billion from £6.5 billion.

• France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom's pianned joint venture for business services, known as Atlas, is expected to draw a warning from the European Commission on Wednesday about the venture's threat to competition in the EU.

• France's seasonally adjusted trade surplus reached a record 11.84 billion francs (\$2.31 billion) in March, partly thanks to sales of Airbus jets, the Customs Office said. The surplus stood at 11.30

billion francs in February. • Christiania Bank og Kreditkasse, the largest commercial bank in Norway, is considering making a cash offer for all the equity in the

credit company Norgeskreditt Holding AS. • Den norske Bank A/S launched a formal bid of 110 kroner a

share (\$17) to acquire Vital Forsikring A/S, valuing the insurance company at 2.963 billion kroner. • Latvia's central bank on Tuesday defended its decision to

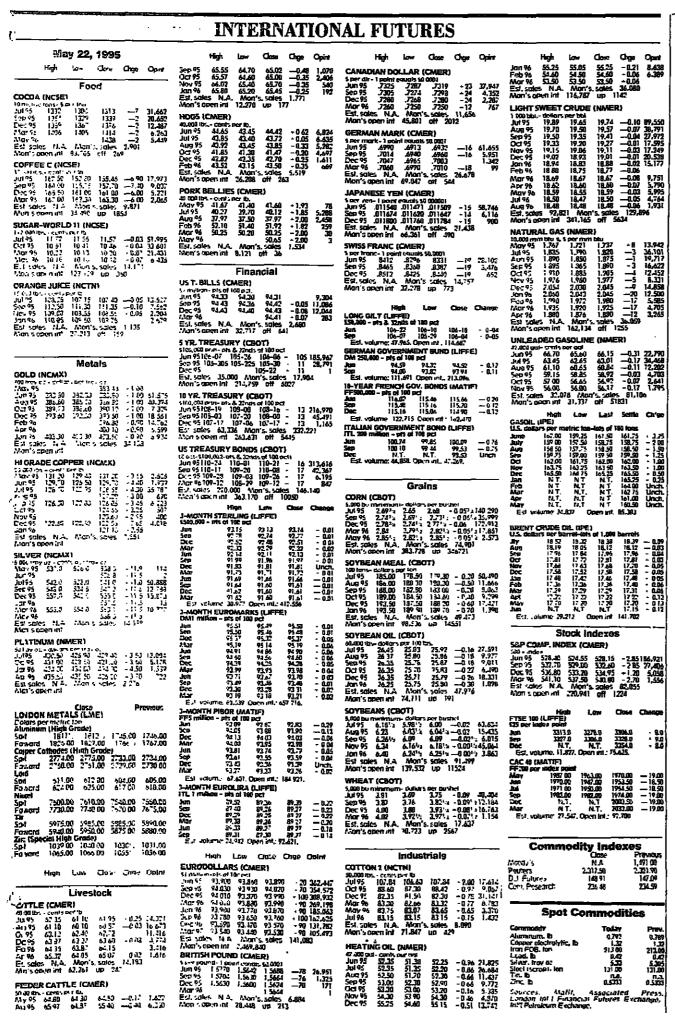
suspend activities of the country's biggest bank, Banka Baltija, saying the commercial bank "did not have enough liquid resources to continue to meet its obligations or pay depositors." AssiDomaen AB's first-quarter profit jumped to 1.08 billion kronor (\$146 million) from 344 million kronor as strong demand

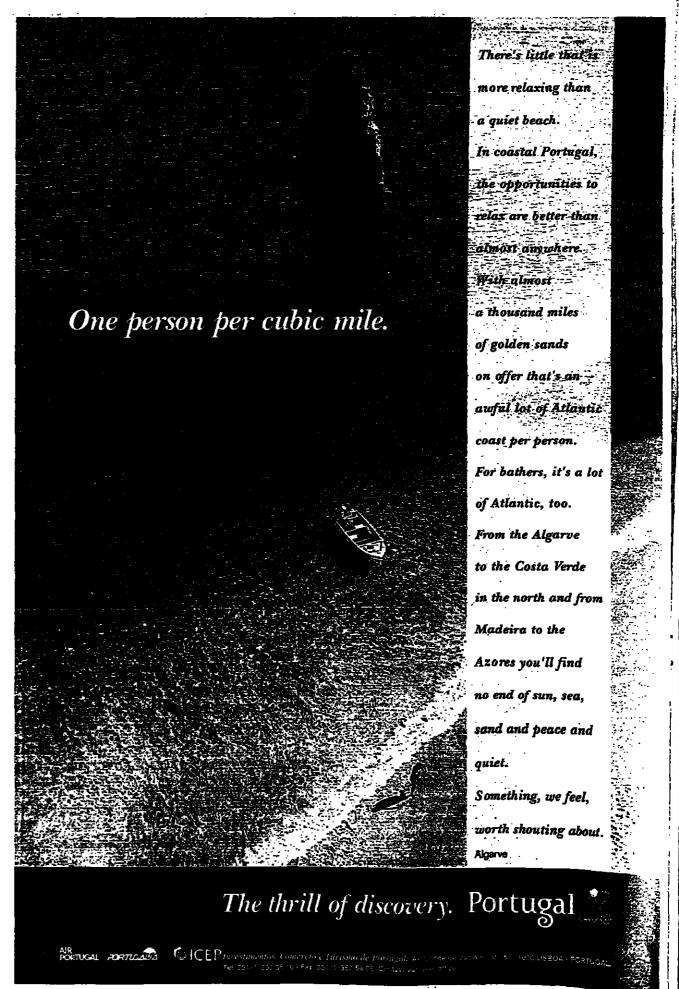
• Sweden's metalworkers agreed to a three-year contract guaranteeing roughly 3 percent annual wage increases and including a cut in working hours equivalent to two days a year.

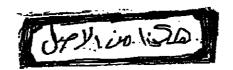
for forest products lifted sales to 5.37 billion kronor from 3.91

• Bayerische Hypotheken- & Wechsel-Bank AG said its operating profit for the first four months of 1995 was below that of the yearago period and that it expected mixed results for the full year. The bank did not release specific figures.

• Philipp Holzmann AG said its first-quarter sales rose to 2.69 visers, three forecasters said this billion Deutsche marks (\$1.86 billion) from 2.46 billion DM in the Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder







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Holdings PLC said Tuesday it would shuffle several executives during the next year as the banking company prepares for the retirement of a key officer.
The moves, which would shift

several executives between the executive of its Hongkong & Co. and the Asian investment Shanghai Banking Corp. unit, prepares to retire in May 1996.
"All of these people have spent their lives within the Hongkong Bank group," said John Bond, HSBC's chief execu-

tive. "This will be the team that leads us into the next century." Some analysis, however, saw the moves as a lost opportunity for the huge banking concern to repare for the beginning of chinese governance of Hong Kong in 1997.

Mike Trippitt, an analyst at the brokerage S.G. Warburg in London, said: "It seems to be a lot of long-term HSBC ers movlot of long-term HSBC ers mov-ing around with very little new the territory's domestic teleblood and little evidence of eth-

nic Chinese at a senior level." HSBC, which split the roles of chief executive and chairman when it moved its headquarters from the territory to London in 1993, will divide those positions at Hongkong Bank when Mr. Gray, 60, retires after more than 40 years with the bank.

John Strickland, 55, executive director of HSBC in Lon- gy. don, will become chairman of Hongkong Bank on Jan. 1, is 57.5-percent owned by Cable 1996. He has been with the and Wireless PLC of Britain, bank since 1966.

HONG KONG — HSBC while Paul Selway-Swift, 55. Hongkong Bank's executive di-1996 to become chairman of

HSBC Investment Bank. HSBC, known in Hong Kong bank's London headquarters of its stature within the finansimply as "The Bank" because and Hong Kong, its biggest prof- cial community, is in the proit center, are designed to cess of linking two of its other strengthen management as John investment units — the Lon-Gray, the chairman and chief don-based Sanntel Montagu & house Wardley Holdings Ltd.

—into a global investment entity. Mr. Selway-Swift's move to London, which he requested was designed to speed that tran-

sition, said Mr. Bond. Chris Langley, 50, will become general manager of Hong-kong Bank for the colony and China beginning in November.

■ Hutchison Hints at Plans Hutchison Whampoa Ltd., the conglomerate controlled by the financier Li Ka-shing, lifted the veil Tuesday on a fraction of its \$450 million plan to compete communications market, Reu-

ters reported from Hong Kong. Personalized phone numbers that last a lifetime, high-technology systems for large businesses and competitive rates form the basis of Hutchison's competitive strategy, said Patricia Leung, its managing director. She refused to give further details on the company's strate-

Hong Kong Telecom, which will lose its 20-year monopoly

David Eldon, 49, executive on domestic fixed telecom-director of HSBCs internation munications on July 1, opening al operations, will become chief the market up to competitors. Strong Yen Hurts

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches not include results from any TOKYO — Pioneer Flee subsidiaries, posted a profit of tronics Corp. said Tuesday that 652 million yen in the 1994-95 the strong yen and losses at its year, down from 1.65 billion U.S. entertainment divisions year in the year-ago period.

Pioneer's Earnings

retax 2.8 billion yen (\$32 mil lion) in 1994-95, down from 9.5 losses, as sales increased and its billion yen in the previous year. U.S. entertainment divisi Sales were nearly fist at 509.8 produced some hit movies. billion yen, with the strong Japanese currency eating into profit margins.

JVC's group profit was 5.24 billion yen in the year, reversing a loss of 26.81 billion yen in the

it margins. margins.

Piomeer's results were hurt by previous year. Sales rose to operating charge of 8.94 billion 767.2 billion year from 726.6 bila one-time charge of 8.94 billion yen in connection with investments in Carolco Pictures Inc. and LIVE Entertainment Inc. a distributor affiliated with Carolco. The Hollywood studio. which reported a loss of \$43 million last year, has said it is considering bankruptcy protection.

Pioneer has pumped \$175 million into the affiliates since it acquired them five years ago. To combat the high yen, Pioneer said it plans to expand production overseas and to procure more parts from other countries. But analysts said Pioneer's plans to move production

lagged its competitors. going to take them time to do that," said Barry Dargan, an electronics industry analyst at S.G. Warburg & Co. in Tokyo. "In the meantime they're going

to suffer losses." Pioneer seemed to concur, forecasting a loss of 4.7 billion the year to March 1996. The parent company, which does

Chised its group pretax profit to plunge in the year to March.

The considerate to March. The conglomerate earned a profit in the year to March, U.S. entertainment divisions

JVC's entertainment division posted an operating profit of 7.8 billion yen, up from 1.5 billion yen the previous year. That partly offset operating losses of 8.8 billion yen in the audio visual and information sectors.

Also on Tuesday, TDK Corp. said its group profit jumped 73 reent in the year to March, to 30.8 billion yen, as worldwide sales rose 6 percent, to 485 bil-

AFX, AFP, Bloomberg) ■ Japan Recovery Slowing

Japan's central bank on Tuesday downgraded its assess-"They're struggling now to ment of the nation's economic put production offshore, but it's health, saying Japan was expement of the nation's economic riencing a "very moderate" re-covery, Bloomberg Business News reported.

The central bank had characterized Japan's economic recovery as "moderate" before its monthly economic report released Tuesday. The Bank of Japan also said it would closely monitor exchange rates and their influence on the economy.

TOKYO — Yutaka Kobayashi's automobile showroom in the Tokyo suburb of Chiba switched in November from selling Toyotas to Fords. In the six months since then, he has sold 45 vehicles - what a Toyota dealer typically sells in one month.

By Andrew Pollack

New York Times Service

But Mr. Kobayashi's parent company, a huge Toyota dealer, saddled him with a handicap. The showroom it assigned him is in such an out-of-the-way location that when it was used to sell Corollas the company did not even bother to station a salesman there.

The difficulties that American car makers have in selling their vehicles in Japan have been a focus of the trade dispute that prompted the United States to declare 100 percent import tariffs on 13 models of Japanese hixnry cars.

Washington says Japanese automobile dealers are restricted from carrying American cars because of their close relationships with Japanese car manufacturers. Japan responds that auto dealers are independent businessmen and that the reason so few of them carry American cars is that Detroit's products are ill-

suited to the Japanese market.
Visits to two car dealers that have begun offering American cars in the last year - the Toyota dealer in Chiba and a Nissan dealer in western Tokyo showed there was some truth to both

American cars generally do not sell well in Japan, so a dealer can expect two or three years of losses before there is any hope of profit. Even after dealers decide to take on foreign cars, their ties to Japan's automakers seem to prevent them from putting their best efforts into selling the imported vehicles.

"We are in a way Nissan employees, so it's rather hard to aggressively sell cars that compete against Nissan cars," said Yasutaka Ohata, a manager at Ford Tohnichi in western Tokyo. Ford Tohnichi was set up a year ago by Tokyo Nissan, a huge dealer that is one-quarter owned by Nissan Motor Co. "Emotionally, we still have the feeling that we hope the customers will buy Nissan," Mr. Ohata said.

One obstacle, for instance, is that Nissan and Toyota Motor Corp. pressed the dealers to set up separate showrooms for the Fords rather than sell them alongside the Japanese cars. That makes it more costly for the dealers to take on a new "Toyota has been telling us we cannot

mix Toyota cars and Ford cars," said Takashi Makino, general manager of Ford Chiba, the branch of the Toyota dealer that sells Fords. In showrooms where both brands are sold, Toyota has been insisting that the company build a wall to separate them, he said.

Another obstacle is that both Mr. Kobayashi's and Mr. Ohata's dealerships are reluctant to sell the smallest, least

expensive Ford Motor Co. models. of these two dealers indicate that Ameriwhich might attract the broadest audience. That is because these vehicles are made by Mazda Motor Corp., a Japanese rival of Toyota and Nissan.

Yet another problem is that the dealerships do not have access to the records of the customers they had when they were selling Toyotas and Nissans. When Ford Tohnichi switched to selling Fords, all records of existing customers were given to other Tokyo Nissan dealers and all

If the way dealers do business in Japan presents obstacles to sales of U.S. vehicles, so do some features of the American cars themselves.

salesmen were replaced by a new crew with no knowledge of the neighborhood. In Japan, dealers often sell cars by visiting their regular customers at their homes. Without such records, Ford Tohnichi and Ford Chiba have to start from scratch and wait for customers to come to the showroom.

But if the way the dealers do business presents obstacles, so do the cars themselves. American cars still have a reputation in Japan for poor quality and for being large, expensive and inefficient with fuel, the dealers said.

Indeed, they said, the cars are inferior to Japanese cars in the fit and finish the doors do not close as snugly, for instance - giving fastidious Japanese consumers the impression that the cars are less well made than domestic competitors.

We have to explain the weak points of American cars before they buy, by saying the American view toward cars is different from the Japanese view," Mr. Kobayashi said in his showroom bedecked with American and Japanese flags. They said, however, that customers who had purchased the Fords had not had major problems.

Toshio Nakano, the president of Ford Tohnichi, said the biggest problem was that most Fords had steering wheels on the left instead of on the right as Japanese cars do. The exceptions are the Probe, a sporty car that does not have wide appeal, and the Mondeo. But the Mondeo uses premium gasoline, a drawback in a country where gas costs three to four times as much as it does in the United States. Moreover, Ford's cars do not have

in tight spaces.

How well Ford Chiba and Ford Tohnichi do with their Fords could help determine how many other Japanese dealers will sell American cars. Already, some executives are saying the problems

many customers want because they park

can cars cannot sell in Japan.

If the dealer selling Fords in Chiba is making money, others will get on the bandwagon," said Hiroshi Okuda. a Toyota executive. "With this exchange rate, the American cars should look very reasonable and cheap. The Japanese dealers should be jumping at them, but this doesn't seem to be happening."

Konen Suzuki, the president of Ford Japan, replied that it took time for new dealers to turn a profit and that dealers who had been carrying Fords a long time were making "huge profits." Neither Ford Tohnichi nor Ford Chi-

ba is making any money yet.
In the ruptured trade talks, the United States argued that one reason Japanese manufacturers succeeded in the American market is that American dealers sold Corollas and Accords alongside their Chevrolets and Dodges.

Washington contended that, given high real estate prices in Japan, it was prohibitively expensive for American companies to set up their own dealership networks, so they had to rely on the Japanese dealers.

But Japanese officials counter that some European carmakers, such as Bayerische Motoren Werke AG and Volvo AB. took the trouble in the 1980s to set up their own dealer networks and have done fairly well in Japan. The European companies also offer smaller cars and many more models with the steering wheel on the right than do the American Big Three.

About 182,000 cars and trucks imported from Europe were sold in Japan last year, compared with 34,000 from the major U.S. companies' factories. Still, Euro-pean cars in 1994 held less than 3 percent of the Japanese motor-vehicle market.

Despite Washington's aggressive posture, only Ford among the U.S. Big Three is aggressively seeking dual dealerships through which to sell its Taurus sedans and station wagons, as well as its Mustangs, Mondeos and Explorers, Mr. Suzuki said the company had so far per-suaded 17 Japanese dealers, mostly Mazda and Nissan dealers, to sell Fords through 26 outlets.

General Motors Corp. has been selling almost exclusively through Yanase & Co. a dealership that specializes in foreign cars. Chrysler Corp. has been selling Jeeps through some Honda dealers and through Scibu, a dealership that specializes in foreign cars. A Chrysler spokesman said the company planned to begin trying to recruit Japanese dealers soon. One question raised by the experience

of Ford Tohnichi and Ford Chiba is this: If Japanese dealers have such close ties retractable side-view mirrors, which to Japanese manufacturers that it is hard to recruit them, then is it wise for an American auto company to rely on them for sales? Is that not entrusting sales to a competitor? Mr. Suzuki of Ford Japan said he was

sure the new dealers would become loyal to Ford after a year or two.

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 Daewoo Corp. has applied for approval to build an industrial complex worth up to \$1.43 billion in Vietnam; if approved, the project would be by far the largest foreign investment in Vietnam since the war.

• Sharp Corp. is to establish its first research center in the United States in Camas, Washington; the laboratory will focus on digital image processing and other multimedia work.

• The South China Morning Post, Hong Kong's largest Englishlanguage newspaper. is to lay off 10 percent of its news staff and combine its daily and Sunday papers into one operation; the paper is controlled by the Malaysian businessman Robert Kuok.

• Parkway Holdings Ltd. of Singapore has offered to buy the Asian and Australian health-care operations of Tenet Healthcare Corp. of the United States; the companies have not signed a deal.

Shanghai's benchmark stock index fell 17 percent Tuesday, its first decline in five days, on news that the government was determined to root out speculation in the market. • Thailand is emerging as one of Asia's leading financial markets

because of deregulation, changing savings patterns and robust demand for nonbank fund sources, Lehman Brothers said. Siam Motors Group has sold its controlling stake in Siam Yamaha

Co., the Thai assembler of Yamaha motorcycles, to KPN Group for about 1 billion baht (\$40 million). AFP, AP, Bloomberg, NYT, Reuters

Malaysia Plans to Curb Credit

KUALA LUMPUR - Ma-

laysia's government, unwilling to raise interest rates, will launch credit controls Wednesday to try to head off inflation. The measures, to be an-

nounced by Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim, may seek to discourage borrowing specifically for automobile or proper-

ty purchases, analysts said. Analysts expect something similar to the credit controls put in place in 1991, when con-rise this year.

cern about inflation led the government to limit financing on new cars to 75 percent of the purchase price. Economists said credit con-

trols would be the correct medicine for Malaysia's economy, as raising interest rates now would do more harm than good. While growth in the consum-

er price index slowed to 3.2 percent in the first quarter of 1995 from 3.7 percent in 1994, many economists expect the rate to

Hyundai to Build Major U.S. Chip Plant

SEOUL — Hyundai Electronics Industries Co. said Tuesday that it would build a \$1.3 billion plant to make memory chips in Oregon, South Korea's largest direct overseas in-

vestment project. The company also called the project the world's largest semiconductor factory.

The company said it expected sales from the U.S. plant to reach \$1.69 billion by 2000, although analysts expressed some (AP, doubt about its profit targets. The unit of Hyundai Corp.

said it was building the plant in Eugene, the home of the University of Oregon, to help it pene-trate the U.S. market. Hyundai said the United States already took about 34 percent of its semiconductor exports.

The plant will be able to process 30,000 eight-inch silicon wafers a month and initially to manufacture 16-megabit and 64-megabit dynamic randomaccess memory chips, the com-

chosen for the plant not only ment of least \$3 billion. because the U.S. market was the A Hyundai spokesma largest in the world but also be- the project should be considcause America had the most ad- ered not only in terms of profit-

In choosing among four U.S. sites, he added, "We also took into account offers of tax favors by the state and city governments." He did not give details of the tax breaks.

Construction of the plant which will employ about 1,000 people, is to begin in August, with a goal of beginning chip production by March 1997, Mr. Chung said. Industry analysts in Secul,

while acknowledging that the cial year, news agencies report- on sales of 445 billion yen. plan would enhance Hyundai's ed from Tokyo.

(Bloomberg, Reur international competitiveness, expressed some doubts about it

Others, however, said Hyun-dar's move would probably be copied by other semiconductor makers. Samsung Electronics Co., the world's largest producer, has already announced plans to build semiconductor plants Hyundai Electronics Chair-man Chung Mong Hun said an and Southeast Asia within a few

American location had been years, with an estimated invest-A Hyundai spokesman said

vanced chip-making technology. ability but in view of the changing world trade environment.

Our project will ultimately contribute to countering increasing regulations over sales of foreign-made goods in the

United States," he said.

(Reuters, Bloomberg) Kyocera Rises Above Yen Kyocera Corp., overcoming the yen's strength, said its profit

jumped in the year ended in March and predicted record earnings for the current finan-

Kyocera, as the world's dominant maker of ceramic packaging for semiconductors, relies on overseas orders. Its senior managing director, Sadao Yamamoto, said: "The strong yen will have a strong negative impact on our earnings, but our sales are rising nevertheless."

The company said its group net profit was 43.28 billion yen (\$497.2 million), up 18 percent from 36.80 billion yen. Group sales rose 17 percent, to 498.57 billion yen. Parent-company current profit, jumped 56 percent, to 54.69 billion yen.

The parent company expects to report record current profit for this year of 73 billion yen, (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Indonesia Cuts Tariffs Broadly In Economic Plan

JAKARTA — Indonesia unveiled an economic deregulation package Tuesday designed to boost its international competitiveness, mainly through extensive cuts in tariffs.

The economic coordinating minister, Saleh Aliff, said the measures, which included cuts in tariffs on 6,030 items, were designed to increase the role and efficiency of the private sector.

The tariff cuts will extend to such items as newsprint, textile products, plastics, soybeans, sunflower-seed oil, sawn timber and automotive parts. Not many details were proded, and some economists

characterized the parkage as vague and less bold than they had hoped for. The package also removed 10 sectors from the so-called negative investment list, a list of seclors closed to foreign investment or to all private investment.

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION INVITATION TO TENDER FOR LEASING OF COMMERCIAL PACILITIES

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Republicans Take Aim at Programs Designed to Promote Exports

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Buried among the Republicans' sharp cost-cutting proposals to balance the federal budget is the swift dismantling of two of President Bill Clinton's most prominent economic innovations: the use of the government to promote exports and the underwriting of new technologies that corporate America considers too risky.

During his campaign, Mr. Clinton briefly called those strategies "industrial poli-cy." until Republicans seized on the phrase as proof that Mr. Clinton wanted the goverament to meddle in the workings of the

Once in office, the White House dropped the terminology but went ahead anyway with an aggressive program, de-

claring that the United States needed to develop partnerships with industry and use government pressure to promote exports, two skills that Japan and Germany turned into an art after World War II.

The Republican budget proposals would bring many of those efforts to a halt and drastically shrink others, from the Energy Department to the Pentagon. The most sweeping cutback proposal, the "Department of Commerce Dismantling Act. was to be introduced Tuesday by House Republicans.

If passed, the act would immediately terminate six of the cabinet department's offices and slice up the organization that conducts trade negotiations with Japan, China and other nations.

Many of the functions of the Commerce Department's highest-profile organiza-

Curiously, the White House has said almost nothing in public about the attack on the core of its economic strategy, partly for fear that it would detract from its warnings about proposed cuts to Medicare and other popular social programs.

"We've talked through what is the best approach, and the decision was to stay focused on the programs that most people understand," said Hazel R. O'Leary, the secretary of energy, whose department's budget would shrink.

"It's a little early," said Laura D'Andrea Tyson, the head of the National Economic Council, an office that was created when Mr. Clinton took office to give economics equal weight with issues of national securi-

It may be early, but it seems clear that most of the trade and technology promotion programs will be sharply reduced, if they survive at all.

As a result, the White House's reticence has not kept the departments from starting all-out survival campaigns. Capitol Hill these days is flooded with undersecretaries and assistant secretaries explaining and justifying programs that have never before come under intense scrutiny.

Their presentations often boil down to one argument: In an age of economic conflict, cutting out political and economic support for industry is the equivalent of unilateral disarmament.

"Our global competitors are laughing at Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. ty. "There should be a good debate about Brown said Monday in a telephone conver-

tion, the International Trade Administra-tion, would be carved up or eliminated. the wisdom of this, but it is still early in the budget process." sation from Paris, where he is attending a budget process." meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. "Just at the moment when we've finally learned that there is no way to win without a public-private partnership, without getting the government involved in promoting a nation's exports, people are incredulous that Congress would be doing this.

"The French are apoplectic that we have been so pro-active and successful." Mr. Brown said, a reference to Washington's role in winning a huge contract in Brazil last year over French competition. "And now they are delighted that we are thinking about not doing it anymore."

The Republican theory is that the Commerce Department has become brazen "corporate welfare," a term coined by one of Mr. Clinton's cabinet members, Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich.

To the White House's horror, the phra which Mr. Reich has not repeated sing.

has become a railying call for the freshman class of Republicans, who do not man class of republicans, was do not share their party's traditional closeness or dependence on big business.

There are 19 different departments in the government that deal with trade," said Representative Dick Chrysler, Republican of Michigan, who drafted the legislation to dismantle the Commerce Department 92 years after its creation.

Another target of Mr. Chrysler's is the department's Advanced Technology Pregram, which provides backing for technologies that small companies — and some large ones — consider promising but too risky to attempt.

"This has grown from \$10 million in 1990 to \$250 million in 1993, and now they want \$750 million." Mr. Chrysler said

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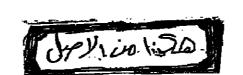
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SPORTS

Devils Rebound, Flyers Rally Again

New York Rangers were anoth- one," Haller said. "It can build. er story, yet the same story. the Rangers let a two-goal lead slip away. And the result was

Philadelphia Flyers, by the first round. score of 4-3 on Monday night. And, for the second day in a Stevens' backhander from the

row, the Flyers won on a goal slot off his own rebound with 29

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by a defenseman obtained in a trade with Montreal, Eric Desjardins scored the winner on Sunday, this time it was Kevin Haller who scored 25 seconds into overtime.

Rangers hope to make up their two-game deficit in the Eastern Conference series when they re- against the Penguins this seaturn home for Games 3 and 4 son, outplayed them at both Wednesday and Friday. "I ends of the ice and overcame matched. We're pretty close, ice advantage. but I know we can play a lot

The Rangers had sent the to lose on a bad line change that game into overtime with Brian left Luc Robitaille unprotected; Leetch's third goal of the night he scored the winning goal with

at 11:19 of the third period. As was the case in the first lead but couldn't keep it as Eric go and was reminiscent of Ro-Lindros, Dmitri Yushkevich bitaille's goal two nights before. and Mikael Renberg scored "The momentum swing

This time, the New Jersey cause of the couple of games we Devils did not collapse. The won in overtime before this The more comfortable you feel For the second straight day, going into overtime, usually the more chances you get." Philadelphia had beaten Buf-

another overtime loss to the falo in an overtime game in the Devils 4, Penguins 2: Scott

seconds left prevented another third-period collapse for New Jersey, which evened its series with Pittsburgh at a game each. Claude Lemieux scored twice for New Jersey, his second an

empty-net goal with a tick of the clock left, as the Devils got back on their tight-checking "We know we haven't played our best hockey," said goal-tender Mike Richter, whose mir Japr. game to shut down all the Pen-The Devils, 0-2-2 previously

think the two teams are evenly Jagr's two goals to regain home-The Devils had outplayed the Penguins in Game 1, too, only

1:16 left. Jagr's second goal Monday game, they jumped out to a 2-0 night tied the score with 1:15 to



consecutive goals for the Flyers. could have been devastating."

"Going into overtime, the Devils' Ken Dancyko said. Pittsburgh's Kevin Stevens (left) and Tommy Albelin tangled as New Jersey escaped.

Reds' Gamble in '94 Continues to Pay Off

The Cincinnati Reds' biggest gamble of 1994 has paid off handsomely in the first month of this season.

Monday night to beat the visiting Houston Astros, 3-2. It was his third game-winning homer in extra innings and his fourth game-winning hit in the last nine games.

He now has eight homers, 27 RBIs and no more doubts about whether he can come

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back fully from the broken leg that cost him all of last season. "Talk about clutch!" said the Reds' manager, Davey Johnson. "He's rewriting the term 'clutch.' When something is needed, he's there. I'm almost getting to expect it."

So had the Atlanta Braves, but still they decided to buy out his \$5.5 million contract after he broke two bones in his lower right leg in a motorcycle accident on Feb. 3, 1994.

Gant was still recovering from the fractures when the Reds signed him last year, essentially as the replacement-in-When Mitchell went to Japan. Gant took over left field and the

cleanup spot The Astros' relievers were 6-0 and had not allowed a run in 1714 innings when he came to the plate in the 10th Monday

run himself in 17% innings.

After a breaking ball for a strike, Gant expected a fastball. Ron Gant homered to tie the He got one, and hit the ball so backs, they lost to the Milwauker game in the sixth and hit anoth hard that there was only one Brewers, 7-5, on Monday night er home run in the 10th inning question when it left the bat.

> inside the left-field foul screen. Expos 5. Martins 2: Mike ended. "It just didn't work out

Lansing's leadoff homer in the this time." third ended a 2-2 tie and Roberto Kelly's two-run single in the eighth gave him three RBIs as host Montreal halted its four-game losing streak and extended Florida's to six. Carlos Perez, who retired 17

of the 18 batters he faced after Terry Pendleton's two-run single with one out in the first, twice and drove in a run. remained unbeaten in three major-league starts Rockies 9, Cubs 8: Roberto

pinch-hit single in the bottom of the ninth as Colorado rallied winning streak.

Dante Bichette led off the ninth with a single, was bunted the third to take an 8-7 lead. to second and scored the tying waiting for Kevin Mitchell. to right. After a walk, Mejia. just two hits over seven innings

each had two RBIs for the Cubs. Larry Walker had four and a double, and Greg Gagne.

McNeeley said Monday.

Magic Ends For Indians

The Cleveland Indians finalwight. He was facing Dave The Cleveland Indians Illustrates, who had not allowed a ly ran out of late-inning magic. After winning three straight weekend games in Boston with eighth- or ninth-inning comebacks, they lost to the Milwaukee when they left the tying runs on "I was just hoping it would base in the bottom of the minth.
"We got to the late innings. "We got to the late innings. er, Terry Collins.

It crashed into the seats just go again, "said Jim Thome, whose 13-game hitting streak whose 13-game hitting streak

> The Brewers, winning for only the second time in nine

AL ROUNDUP

games, outhit the Indians. 16-b. Fernando Vina led the way for Milwaukee with three hits. three runs and an RBI. Jose Valentin had two hits, scored Tigers 10, Mariners 8: De-

troit, playing at bome, blew 1 six-run lead, but Kirk Gibson's Mejia ended his 0-for-12 slump two-run homer in the seventh with a one-out, run-scoring broke the final tie with Seattle. Cecil Fielder hit his eighth major-league grand slam as tha to halt Chicago's three-game Tigers took a 7-1 lead in the first. But the Mariners, aided by two Detroit errors, scored six in

Royals 7, Blue Jays 0: Kansas run on Vinny Castilla's double City's Kevin Appier gave up hitting only .135 for the season, and became this season's first singled to center.

five-game winner, while Toron-Mark Grace and Scott Bullett to lost its eighth in 11 games.

Wally Joyner, with a single hits and drove in three runs for with a sacrifice fly and a homer.

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King's matchmaker. Braverman said that the 5-10 Tyson was less effective looping his punches against taller fighters.

"It should be a hell of a fight, as long as it lasts," said Peter McNeeley's manager, Vinny Vecchione. He described McNeeley as having "limited ability. He can't box. In this business, you're either a boxer or a fighter, and he's a fighter."

weighs 220 pounds (100 kilograms).

Vecchione admitted he was concerned about McNeeley's lack of experience. A college graduate (Bridgewater State), McNeeley had few bouts until turning pro four years ago.

"But every day I wake up I'm a better fighter," said McNeeley. "I had only 21 amateur fights. That's why I train six, seven days a week."

First Tyson Post-Prison Foe

Says He's 'Secret, Like 007'

By Gerald Eskenazi

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Is he the first sacrifice in Mike Tyson's

return to boxing? Or is Peter McNeeley a legitimate opponent

for the once-crushing former world champion?
"I'm like 007 — a secret people don't know about."

McNeeley, a 26-year-old wild-swinging puncher from Med-field, Massachusetts, is expected to be anointed Wednesday

as Tyson's first opponent for a bout on Aug. 19 in Las Vegas. Tyson has not fought since June 1991. McNeeley has pro-

duced 12 straight knockouts since his only loss, when he was

stopped because of a cut that required more than 40 stitches.

If McNeeley's name sounds vaguely familiar it is because his father faced Floyd Patterson for the world title in 1961.

Irish Torn McNeeley Jr. was knocked down a dozen times before the fight was halted in the fourth round.

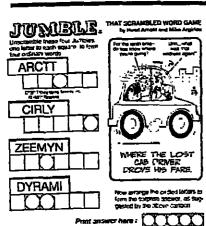
Peter McNeeley sports a 36-1 record, with 30 knockouts. He is slightly under 6 feet 2 inches tall (1.90 meters) and

"Mike Tyson has trouble with guys 6-3, 6-4," contended Al Braverman, Tom McNeeley's former trainer and now Don

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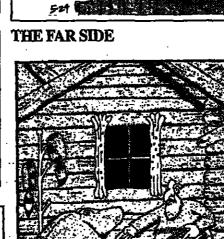
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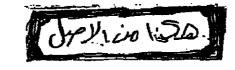




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CAPE TOWN - It is a collision of 16 countries meeting 32 times over the next long month, yet the Rngby World Cup may well be decided in its first hours Thursday. The defending champion Australia takes on South Africa just after the opening ceremonies. They may be the best teams here, given one's home field advantage. For the winner it's a clear path to the final; for the loser, a hole maybe six feet

"Most people see it as being worthy of a semifinal, so for it to be an opening match is unfortunate in some ways," said the Australian coach, Bob Dwyer. They want to establish a tradition of the defending champion playing the host in the first match, but in practice you end up with two good sides playing in one pool. It's going to be a tough match, a real cruncher."

1987 champion, New Zealand. If they intend to win the final, it will mean beating three of the world's toughest opponents in 15 days.

Judging by talent, the losers ought to be the South Africans, making their World Cap debut following the 1992 lifting of the international sports boycott brought on by apartheid. It will be no easy opening number for them - they'll have to play as if they never were away. Their public seems to be expecting as much. It is as if the people believe their will can drive the shyness out of the South African players, who otherwise are still learning how to act on such a large stage. The public may be right; either that or their pressure may be bury-

really all that shows is that the teams are equal. They might be equally bad. Or, as it was in their case, they were equally aver-

Only while being clobbered at home by New Zealand and Australia in 1992 did they realize how much the game - their game, the power game of white South Africans — had changed around the world in their absence. They have caught up remarkably well, said Dwyer. They are dominant now in the back, rather than up front. But the team is still all white. Ches- has played only two Tests in the last nine ter Williams would have been the lone months, an unconvincing pair of victories black man on the team - and maybe the against Argentina within the last three best player - if not for a recent injury, and weeks; while South Africa has won five

manager, Morne du Plessis, predicts will be a "massive psychological stimulation,"

Though an additional year might have helped even more.

No team can match Australia for talent: led by David Campese, the world's top tryscorer and hero of the last World Cup, the Wallabies are fast, witty and relaxed. Center Tim Horan has recovered from a terrific knee injury, but the team is so deep that the coach sees no sense in risking Horan for this most important game. Australia such a large stage. The public may be right; either that or their pressure may be burying.

"What they lost during the boycott was a basis of relativity," Dwyer said. "You best player—in not for a recent injury, and he might still appear if a spot opens through injury. Something much larger than rugby will be at work throughout the next month, beginning Wednesday when players who seem to represent the old well-as well appear if a spot opens throughout the tournament; while South Africa is hoping that the sheer players who seem to represent the old

fill in the bare spots of talent and experi-

All of which has left the other Southern Hemisphere challenger practically unnoticed. Albeit New Zealand has yet to recover the form of its unbeaten run from 1987 to 1990. Coach Laurie Mains has been sacrificing recent Tests in order to try a variety of strategies, believing that the All Blacks will have to adapt their game of ball-retention depending on the opponent in the latter stages.

The draw is a good one for the All Blacks, who shouldn't be troubled by Pool C colleagues Ireland. Wales or Japan in the first round, and they should get by a likely quarterinal with Scotland. From thereon, however, a look of being the college. however, a lack of height may haunt New Zealand in the lineouts, especially against England or Australia

In Pool B, which should be dominated

hv Fneland, the 1991 darlings from Western Samoa may not be able to beat Argentina (or Italy, for that matter) for second place and a spot in the quarterfinals. Since their surprise advancement to the 1991 quarterfinals, the Samoans have suffered defections to Rugby League and to New Zealand. Theirs is the only group from which any team could make the next

In past World Cups Japan has succeeded in beating only Zimbabwe — but this time it shares Pool C with suffering Ireland and Wales: A little hope there. Tonga could give Scotland a race for second place in Pool D, where Côte d'Ivoire also resides. No victories are expected from the latter, though 14 of its players compete in the French first division. Côte d'Ivoire's triumph was in becoming the first black African nation to qualify for the World Cup, an achievement appreciated by the majority of its hosts this month.

McLaren Drops Mansell, Gives Blundell Car in Monaco Prix

The Associated Press WOKING, England - Disgruntled former Formula One

McLaren Mercedes team. McLaren's managing direc-tor, Ron Dennis, said Mark Rlundell would replace Mansell at this weekend's Monaco Grand Prix.

The announcement followed days of speculation that the 41vear-old driver would quit the team after parking his car on the 18th lap of the Spanish Grand Prix 10 days ago.

A statement from McLaren said it had severed its contract with Mansell following "exten-sive and open discussions." "Nigel has not felt confident

within the car, and this has affected his ability to commet fully to the program," Dennis said. "In these circumstances, I believe that we have determined the most appropriate course of action. The relationship has been short, and has obviously Not achieved the results anticipated by either party."

Mansell signed a multimillion-dollar contract with McLaren amid much fanfare in February, but the partnership quickly turned sour. He had to miss the first two races because he was too big for the new Mer-cedes MP4-10 cockpit, and the performance of its replacement has been erratic,

Blundell drove the first two races for McLaren in Mansell's absence, finishing sixth in Brazil. He drove for the Ligier team in the Spanish Grand Prix.

"I am obviously disappointed that the relationship with McLaren and Mercedes which could have achieved so much has been concluded early," Mansell said. "As this stage of my career, I had expected, on joining MoLaren, that the total package would have given me the possibility to be competitive with the other top teams.

"I have no immediate plans in Formula One, but have welcomed the opportunity to keep in touch with the team, with whom I have parted on the best

people's lives.

SIDELINES

South Korea Gets 2002 Asian Games

SEOUL (AP) — Pusan, a port city in the south of this country, was overwhelming selected Tuesday by the general assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia to stage the 2002 Asian Games, but in a vote that drew angry criticism from rival bidder Taiwan.

Taiwanese delegates protested that a last-minute change from a secret ballot to a show of hands had been under pressure from China. It had threatened to beyond the 2002 games if Taiwan's

China. It had threatened to boycott the 2002 games if Taiwan's port city of Kaoshiung was selected.

 The IAAF's Council recommended Tuesday, to "standardine" international sanctions, a reduction from four years to "a immum of two years" the ban for athletes who fail tests for world champion Nigel Mansell steroids and amphetamines the was dropped Tuesday by the ratified by the IAAF Congress. steroids and amphetamines the first time. The change must be

Langer Ousts Lyle in Match Play

MADRID (AP) — Bernhard Langer, Jesper Parnevik, Seve Ballesteros and Barry Lane moved into the semifinals of the European leg of the World Championship of Golf on Tuesday. In the match-play event, Langer won, 3 and 2, over Sandy Lyle; Parnevik-defeated David Gilford, 2 and 1; Ballesteros beat Miguel Angel Jimenez, 3 and 2, and Lane defeated Sam Torrance, 2 and 1. Ben Hogan, 82, was released from a hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, 15 days after emergency surgery on a colon tumor.

Charges Filed in Gerulaitis's Death

RIVERHEAD, New York (AP) -- Recreational Concepts of Sag Harbor and Bart Torpey, a mechanic employed by the pool-heating company, pleaded innocent Tuesday to criminally negli-gent homicide in the death of retired terms star Vitas Gerulaitis. Gerolaitis, 40, was found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning last Sept. 18 in a guest cottage near a pool on the estate of a friend,

an expression, a mirror, of life. This is now reflected in two

places, South Africa, formerly the stronghold of apartheid, being one. It is hosting the 16-nation World Rugby Cup, which it could

The other place? Vienna, where on Wednesday night Ajax Amsterdam plays A.C. Milan for soccer's European Cup. It promises to be a class act in a classical city, an explosion of talents from the world's two most accomplished club teams.

They represent the extremes: Ajax, the most successful schooling ground soccer has known; Milan the team that throws unrivaled amounts of money into having grocess.

When they line up to the strident "Champions' League" an-

tire, at 32. He has rested his limbs and cleared his mind specifical-

ly for this last encounter between the two clubs which have been

An Amsterdammer with Surinam antecedents, he was, as many

He was part of the Dutch trio - Rijkaard, Marco van Basten,

Rund Gullit - in Milan's finest side that reached the final of this

same, connipotent European competition three times. Rijkaard,

partly because he was so versatile, partly because the limelight was no friend of his, and partly because Milan shackled him to

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Taiwan's delegates made their displeasure evident after South Korea was awarded the Asian Games. They were also upset that the IOC's president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, had remarked before the vote, "Problems should be resolved rather than being created."

European Cup Final: The Stage for a World of Fine Talent

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player Berlusconi begged to stay.

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make Louis van Gaal's team.

Italy's most influential leader, Franco Baresi, a belief that the

game is a player's game, not a coach's, not a president's, not even

The Dutch play hard. They play for money. Yet Rijkaard's play

exudes liberation. He accepts team work, he performs within the

set plan, but he does it in his own time, his own way. This Sinatra

of the playing fields was, even more than Gullit (and alas van

Basten, whose wrecked ankles tore chunks out of his career), the

Nothing doing. Rijkaard decided that, after the 1993 European

finale, he had reaped enough lira. He wanted enjoy the game without the goldfish bowl intensity of Italy. I listened to him then

and misguidedly assessed him as a spent, satiated competitor

But Rijkaard, together with Danny Blind, are the "old men"

around whom the increasingly younger Amsterdam fledglings

learn their trade. The team bloods 17-year-olds as if the European

arena is a kindergarten. They come off the conveyor belt from a

scouting system that enshrines the Ajax principle in the word

talentendragen, or talent time. This is when boys flock to the nursery fields hoping to catch the eyes of the Ajax scouts.

Wednesday's team may contain seven Amsterdammers under the age of 25. Edgar Davids, Clarence Seedorf and Patrick

Khrivert are three muscular, gifted prodigies waiting to see if they

The coach has a surfeit of riches. He can sell some of his

progeny to Italy any time he chooses. Earlier in the season, Ajax

Rockets Top Spurs On Their Last Shot

SAN ANTONIO - Robert Horry almost ran the clock out as he stood there with the ball. He didn't shoot until someone on his bench yelled, "Hurry!" But, another game, another hero for the Houston Rockets.

After a night of misfiring, fouls and frustration in round one of the battle for Texas. Horry made his only basket of the game and the Rockets had a 94-93 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Monday evening.

The improbable Rockets, playing their 11th game in 20 days, took a I-O lead in the best-Western Conference finals and stole the home-court advantage from the Spurs, who had the best record in the NBA.

"Our battle cry right now is stay humble and stay humgry," said Coach Rudy Tomjanovich. The Rockets went more than two minutes without a field goal until Horry, who was 0-for-4 to

footer with 6.5 seconds to play. "We swung it to the open man, just like we have all sea-Horry said. "I was surprised I was so open." Sean Elliott, who led the Spurs with 24 points, missed

that point, sank the open 18-

two free throws with 26.6 seconds to go and his shot from the lane with two seconds to go bounced off the rim. David Robinson was 1-for-

11 from the field through three

NBA PLAYOFFS

quarters but scored 12 in the final period. However, he missed 1 of 2 free throws with 46 seconds left.

Hakeem Olajuwon got 27 despite late foul trouble. Clyde Drexler added 25 and 12 rebounds. Robinson got 21 points, his fewest in this year's plavoffs.

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inconson did win the NBA's most valuable player award, the league announced Tuesday.

[He got 73 first-place votes and 901 points, while Shaquille O'Neal of Orlando got 12 firsts and 605 points from a strice. and 605 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. But the three Dutchmen transformed Silvio Berlusconi's money beat Milan home and away by the score of 2-0, showing its

[Utah's Karl Malone was Patrick Ewing, Olajuwon, Charles Barkley of Phoenix, Chicago's Scottie Pippen and Utah's John Stockton.

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Dennis Rodman had another strong game off the boards with 20 rebounds, but again proved how temperamental he can be. Several times he removed himself from San Antonio huddles, and was absent the last two

with the game on the line. When the Spurs took the floor for their final shot, Rodman and his tequilla sunrise colored head were not on the court. Coach Bob Hill said it was strategy, not discipline,

expectation. They learn a team pattern - three defenders, four that sent Rodman to the bench. "Dennis was not a distrac-tion tonight in any way, shape mobile midfielder, three attackers - that becomes automatic So far this season Ajax has not been extended sufficiently for us or form, and please print that,"

to know how good this team is. Certainly the defense is weaker Hill said. No team led by more than nine as first the Rockets, then semifinal, the interplay, the swiftness, the joy of Ajax was so overwhelming that the score reached 4-1 and could have been 7-1.

Milan also found the change of pace, the acceleration through

the Spurs, then the Rockets would put together a surge. Sam Cassell's two free throws

tied it 92-92 with 1:41 to go, then came the futility from both sides. Clyde Drexler missed with a layup. Robinson made 1of-2 free throws to give San Antonio its 93-92 lead, Doc Rivers knocked the ball away from Olajuwon and Elliott was fouled as he drove to the basket. But a 79 percent free throw shooter in the first nine playoff games, he missed both.

"The Rockets are the team that won't die," Elliott had said before tip-off. "They are scary. They're like bad in-laws: they won't go away." (AP, NYT)

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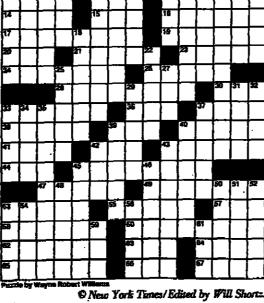
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Desailly, from France, is the anchorman.

than in Italy. May the best team win.

At Ajax it is an accepted reality of sport's short cycle that

youngsters are schooled, in every sense of the word, and some are

then sold to perpetuate the system and to pay for a magnificent new stadium, replete with training establishment, that will be

The boys are the past, present and future. Yet even Amsterdam,

with it street-wise hopefuls, is not an exclusive enclave. Wednes-

day's team will likely include Nwankwo Kanu, an 18-year-old

center-forward of basketball size and build, whose ability was

spotted while the Ajax youth team was touring in Nigeria. Anoth-

er Nigerian, George Finidi, plays on the right wing. And a Finn.

S O AJAX, TOO, buys. But mostly it educates, and its present head coach, van Gaal, was, significantly, the youth coach six

years ago. His credo is so simple, and almost so unique, that it

takes the breath away: All Ajax boys learn to master the ball. An

They get onto the team provided their educational grades meet

than the attack, yet, for an hour against Bayern Munich in the

gears as smooth as a Ferrari's, difficult to cope with. However that

was Milan in the doldrums of mid-season. Now, reaching its fifth

European Cup pinnacle in seven years, it has begun to recapture

the surety of touch, the application of experience, the confidence

that made it the outstanding side in the world.

Alongside the aging Baresi, Paolo Maldini is Italy's outstanding defender. Dejan Savicevic is an imperious, if mercurial, play-

maker; Zvonimir Boban, a Croat, is often his aide; Marcel

mark. Gigi Lentini, for example, cost a world record \$16 million in 1992. His progress was blunted, almost killed, in a nasty car crash,

He might, just might, get a place in Vienna on the right of midfield, selected to play out of position because of another man's

injury. Obviously, birthright counts for more in the Netherlands

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since when Lentini's left wing skills have rarely blossomed.

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The Automotive Life

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Thursday 5 P.M. Heavy rain falling all burning gas, honking, going nowhere. I am marooned in a Fifth Avenue bus. Feels like two weeks ago I got on up at 155th Street.

This could be because we're only making 50 feet an hour. Or it could be the seat. It's built for slow, poison-the-spirit torture, like those Broadway theater seats they sell at \$60 apiece and you can't even keep them.

Why would you want to? Maybe get a tax deduction for donating them to some friendly Latin dictator's torture division.

Look at those cars out there fender-to-fender. Millions of cars going nowhere. Why? Who did this to us? Previous generations, that's who. They didn't give a hoot about

cars. Two tons of car for every 110-pound woman, two tons for every 150-pound man alive. Then have them all drive into New York in heavy rain. Then have everybody sit in motionless agony while their lives dribble out in negligible footages of crosstown, uptown, downtown, out-of-town motion.

I am now trying to reconstruct an astonishingly clear state of mind that is already becoming muddled. That bus finally did reach 42d Street. The rain did

Previous generations that loved the automobile for the freedom it gave them surely thought they were doing us a dle- and moneyed classes to

us at all, which is unlikely. most that the automobile was roll for them what have. eventually going to destroy all other forms of transportation and ravage the countryside like a beneficent Godzilla, the peo-

ple's fun-loving monster threatening to eat the entire country.

Too many hollow pieties are spoken on behalf of future generations. Typically, Washingover New York. Millions of cars ton's panic about the federal deficit is nourished on sound bites about the danger that future generations will have to live in hobo camps under the viaduct.

Kindness to these future generations, we are told, requires immediate sacrifices. Conveniently for the classes who have time to ponder and prescribe for future generations, the necessary sacrifices specified in Washington will have to be

made mostly by life's losers. A lot of the gabble about future generations is caused by Ross Perot's big vote in 1992, which was thought to reflect middle-class fear that continued deficits will destroy the nation.

If the middle class indeed fears for the country, we might their children. About their reasonably expect it to help bal-grandchildren. Put everybody in ance the budget by giving up its own gigantic government handout - the tax deduction for mortgage interest payments on not one, but two homes.

Yet every politician shuns the opportunity to call for this noble sacrifice. Can it be that the pols know deep down that the middle class isn't half as worried as everybody says?

There is certainly no middleclass clamor for offering this sacrifice to a presumably threatened republic. The noble privilege of sacrificing to save the nation and bless future generations is apparently to be enjoyed mostly by the underclass.

Dick Armey, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, says that asking the midkindness if they thought about give up their tax handouts would amount to tax increases. Or put It would not have occurred to another way, let the good times

There's refreshing honesty here. Let future generations

make do, like us.

Who Stole Pages From Medieval Manuscript? manuscripts at the Vatican and leaves. The professor told him, Ferrini

By William H. Honan New York Times Service NEW YORK — It was a cheap plastic envelope that first aroused a rare-manuscript dealer's suspicion about two pages that appeared to be cut from a medieval book.

rini, a dealer based in Akron. Ohio. said was "one of the finest miniatures of the 14th century." Ferrini placed the value of the two pages at \$500,000. So naturally, Ferrini said, he found it

disturbing that the man whom he knew to be a professor of art at Ohio State University brought in the two pages on May 4, would have placed the delicate artifacts in the envelope, separated only by a single sheet of paper.

Now, largely because of Ferrini's

curiosity and a colleague's scholarly detective work, the professor, Anthony Melnikas, of Columbus, Ohio, is being questioned by U.S. Customs officials, in connection with the theft of the leaves from a manuscript once owned by Petrarch, the 14th-century Italian poet and founder of humanism.

The investigators are hoping to establish exactly how the two leaves made their way from the Vatican Library in Rome to Ohio. Melnikas has not been charged with any offenses.

The professor, a 68-year-old authority on medieval manuscripts, is a native of Lithuania who emigrated to the United States in 1950. He was questioned last Friday, after the Vatican Library confirmed that the two leaves were missing and that he had checked out the Petrarch manuscript in 1987. Melnikas early on Monday dis-

missed the whole affair as "a simple matter" and said that he had not yet decided whether to retain a lawyer.

Later in the day, James E. Phillips and Kevin Matthews, two Columbus lawyers representing Melnikas. said: "The professor did not intend to deprive the Vatican of any property."
Experts in the field said they were

shaken by the possibility that someone like Melnikas might be responsible for the theft. Thanks to his academic cre-

throughout the world for 30 years.

'We treated him as a collaborasaid the Reverend Leonard E. Boyle, the head of the Vatican Li brary. He added that Melnikas was so well known to Vatican Library staff members that he was granted many On one page was a painting of a privileges, including being allowed man threshing grain that Bruce Ferthe free run of the library in August

small group of specialists. Constance Lowenthal, executive director of the International Foundation for Art Research, which tracks stolen art, said the case was a reminder that such institutions must be willing to search all visitors.

"It's impolite," Lowenthal said. 'It's rude, but they have to do it." Federal officials in Ohio would was an investigation of Melnikas. But Boyle said that a U.S. Customs agent had questioned him about the missing

leaves and about Melnikas.

The two men who discovered and reported the theft - Ferrini and James H. Marrow, a professor of art history at Princeton University said tha Vark Beauchamp, a Customs official based in Cleveland, had briefed them about his questioning of Melnikas last Friday and again on Monday. In fact, they said Beauchamp had told them on Friday that Melnikas had given him a third leaf from the same manuscript. Beauchamp on Monday refused to comment about the investigation.

Before Melnikas delivered the manuscript leaves to Ferrini, he said he had met the professor at a retirement ceremony for him. Ferrini said he was impressed by the praise that the professor received and by the fact that he said he was establishing a scholarship fund for the study of ancient manuscripts

having made such a statement. "I Endowment for the Humanities and don't have the money for that," he the Samuel Kress Foundation. said with a chuckle.

But, Ferrini said, his suspicions were further aroused when he received the manuscripts by the contradictory dentials, he has had unsupervised ac- stories that Melnikas told him about Petrarch's copy. You don't do that cess to collections of rare books and how he had acquired the manuscript with something you love."

said, that he had bought them, that he had inherited them, and later in the same conversation that he had acquired them in a trade with an artist.

Consequently, Ferrini said, he sent photocopies of the manuscripts by Federal Express to Marrow at Princeton. It took Marrow nearly a week of research to determine that the leaves when it is closed to the general public. came from a 14th-century copy of a Such treatment is extended only to a Roman text on agriculture: Notations on the margin of the leaves established that they belonged to a book commissioned by Petrarch.

Marrow then called Boyle at the Vatican Library in Rome, and asked whether any pages were missing. The Vatican Library staff checked the manuscript, found the two leaves missing and immediately replied. Boyle on Monday confirmed that the neither confirm nor deny that there manuscript was missing a third

In addition, Marrow was told, Melnikas had checked out the book in 1987, according to Vatican records—one of only 12 North Americans who

had done so in the last eight years.

After Marrow informed Ferrini that the leaves were missing from the Varican Library's manuscript, he delivered the leaves to Customs officials in Cleveland. The agency then began investigating the matter.

Lilian Randall, curator manuscripts at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore, said on Monday that she had known Melnikas for 25 years as a visitor to the gallery. "He was always friendly, polite, formal,

erect, and someone who took his work very seriously," she said. Melnikas studied art at the Uni-versity of Pisa and at the Fine Arts Academy in Florence and Rome. After moving to the United States, he earned a doctorate in art history from the University of Michigan in 1961. ent manuscripts

Melnikas on Monday denied ever

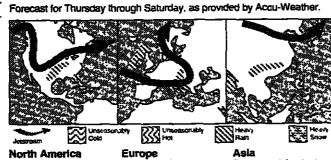
as well as grants from the National Ferrini remains bewildered by the

"It's a colossal thing, just remarkable," he said. "You don't cut up



One of the pages missing from the 14th-century book.

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THE CBS network closed the book on its 1 experiment with dual anchors with a word from the survivor to the fallen. "Before we say good night, some news about ourselves. Dan Rather said at the close of the broadcast that now bears his name alone. "CBS News management has decided that The CBS Evening News' should return to a single-anchor. Connie Chung's future with CBS News is still under consideration and discussion." "If you'll allow a personal note, though," Rather continued, "I'd like to take this moment to wish my longtime friend and colleague Connie Chung good luck and Godspeed.

est distinction, the \$100,000 Pritzker Prize. which was presented by Jay A. Pritzker, president of the Hyatt Foundation.

The pianist Vladimir Feltsman, a former Soviet dissident who is now a music professor, has been seized upon as a symbol of



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Chung: A "Godspeed" from Dan.

sity of New York by New York's governor, George Pataki. Felisman landed the teaching job in 1987 and is paid \$101.854 a year will star Jeffrey Wright, a Tony winner, as to teach 13 individual class sessions per Basquiat and David Bowie as Warhol.

semester. Without mentioning Fellsman by name. Pataki has criticized the school publicly for having a minac in ofessor "gets paid \$1,000 an hour to gach."

After a self-imposed exile of nearly ree years, Francis Ford Coppola will return to filmmaking this fall, directing Disney's dramatic comedy "Jack." ring Robin Williams.

Following in his grandfather's footsteps. George Mallory, 35, of Melbourne has successfully scaled Mount Evenest. His grand

film about Jean-Michel Basquiat, the 80s graffin artist and Andy Warhol protes who died of a drug overdose. Pop artist Julian Schnabel will direct, and the bio-pie



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